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AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING
BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION

Philadelphia, Pa.

April 8-9, 1953

Presiding:

President H. A. Pflug

and

Vice President Reinhard Krause

1. Convening of Session
2. Devotions
3. Roll Call
4. Presentation of Visitors
5. Adoption of Agenda and Working Schedule
6. Communications
7. Actions on Minutes of 1952 Annual Meeting and
January 5, 1953, Meeting of Executive Committee
8. Consideration of Recommendations of Executive Secretary
9. Report of Board of Editors and Action on Recommendations
10. Consideration of Recommendations of Staff Members
 - (a) Editors
 - (b) Literature Consultant
 - (c) Leadership Training
 - (d) Missionary Education
 - (e) Children's Work
 - (f) Youth Work
 - (g) Student Work
 - (h) Adult Work
 - (i) Camps and Conferences
 - (j) Director of Publications and of Curriculum

11. Executive Session

- (a) Consideration of Financial Matters
- (b) Adoption of Working Budget for 1953
- (c) Election of Staff Members
- (d) Other Items

12. Appointments

- (a) Editorial Board
- (b) Representatives to Various Organizations
- (c) Others

13. Dates for Reorganization Meeting, Executive Committee Meeting and Annual Board Meeting

14. Other Items

15. Adjournment

REPORTS
OF
STAFF MEMBERS

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

I am pleased to submit this, my seventh annual report, to the Board. Each succeeding year has seemed fuller than the preceding one and 1952 was no exception. To my colleagues on the staff, to my co-workers in our offices, and to the members of the Board, I extend my grateful thanks for their help in making the arduous duties of the job pleasant and interesting.

It is difficult to evaluate one's work when he is so intimately a part of it. This observation is applicable to all who are associated with the staff. All of us are aware of the fact that we have not begun to accomplish in our denomination all that we should like to see realized. We are aware, too, of our own shortcomings but we have vision and hope; and with God's help we purpose to do the best job we know how to do to make Christian education meaningful and effective in the lives of the children, young people, and adults of our Church.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Mrs. David D. Baker, who had been serving since June 1951 as missions editor, with staff relationship to the mission boards and the Board of Christian Education and Publication, resigned July 15, 1952, to become editor of The Church Woman. During her brief period as missions editor Mrs. Baker did much to channel the missionary emphasis into the various periodicals published for use in our churches and church schools. Although her loss to the work of our denomination will be keenly felt, we rejoice in the fact that in her new post she is continuing to serve the cause of the Church at large.

Since August 1, 1952, the Reverend Hartland H. Helmich has been serving as director of student work. Mr. Helmich came to our Board from the Student Christian Movement in the Middle Atlantic Region, where he was employed under the direction of the Pennsylvania Inter-synodical Committee on Student Work. Prior to that assignment, Mr. Helmich had been related to student work in New York state. From his wide background and experience in the student field Mr. Helmich has brought to the responsible position he now holds a fine sense of the relevance of the Christian faith to the needs of college and university students today.

Miss Irene F. Balliet, who had been one of our field workers for the past two years, was appointed associate director of children's work effective October 1, 1952. Miss Balliet has had wide experience as a teacher in the public schools. In addition, she has had graduate work in religious education, has served with distinction as a synodical children's worker, and has shown deep interest and concern for a more adequate program of Christian education for the children of our Church. Ten years ago Miss Bernice A. Buehler was called upon to organize a department of children's work for the denomination. The responsibilities of this position have increased so rapidly and so extensively that to do the job effectively the services of an associate were required. Miss Balliet is eminently fitted by training and experience for this important post.

Because of the expansion of our publication interests, changes in editorial assignments were made necessary during the year. Miss Jean Louise Smith, who had served as editor of children's publications since 1950, was made editor of the Church School Worker and given other editorial responsibilities. To fill the vacancy caused by this change, Miss Louise B. Machen was appointed editor of children's publications, effective May 1, 1952. Miss Machen was graduated from Vassar College and Union Theological Seminary. For several years prior to joining our staff, she was employed as editor and secretary with the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and vicinity. Because of illness, Miss Machen resigned her position with our Board effective February 1, 1953.

Mrs. Marcus Priester has been employed on a part-time basis as editor of children's publications since January 1, 1953. Mrs. Priester is the wife of a staff member of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education and has had editorial experience with the Presbyterian Board.

Miss Lael A. Henderson has been temporarily employed in our editorial department since February 1, 1953. For the time being, Miss Henderson is fulfilling certain specific editorial assignments and has helped to relieve the pressure of other editors at a number of points.

We are seeking the services of a full-time children's editor and may have a recommendation to present to the Board at its Annual Meeting.

Beginning December 1, 1952, the Reverend Johanna W. Stroetker of Washington, Missouri, was added to our field worker staff. Miss Stroetker is a graduate of Eden Theological Seminary. She has worked for a number of years in the summer camp program sponsored by our Board and has had experience as a director of Christian education in a local church.

Miss Bernice A. Buehler, director of children's work, was granted a leave of absence beginning October 1, 1952. She had planned a visit to India but because of an emergency operation had to forego this visit. Miss Buehler has been pursuing graduate studies at Pendle Hill, a Friends' School located at Wallingford, Pennsylvania. She expects to return to her post about June 1, 1953.

Changes in office personnel during the year were numerous. The following persons left the employ of the Board on the dates and for the reasons noted:

Mrs. Elsie Doering, accounting, August 31, 1952,
family reasons
Marjorie Groce, secretary to Mr. Rumpf, August 31,
1953, health reasons
Mrs. Ethel Ferguson, employed July 28, 1952, in the
accounting department, left October 15, 1952,
unsatisfactory service
Mrs. Betty Underkoffler, secretary to Mr. McQueen,
(St. Louis) October 31, 1952, family reasons
Mrs. Margaret Canut, secretary to Mr. Rumpf, em-
ployed September 29, 1952, left February 15,
1953, unsatisfactory service
Florence Farnam, secretary to Mr. Rumpf, employed
January 15, 1953, left February 28, 1953, in-
sufficient salary
Mrs. Lorene Ahrens, secretary to editor of Youth,
February 28, 1953, family reasons
Dorothy Hale, secretary to Dr. Wentzel, February 28,
1953, to get married

The following persons have been added to our office force, some to fill vacancies caused by resignations, others to fill newly created positions caused by our expanding operations.

Jeanne Laros, part-time clerk, July 1, 1952,
Mr. Sheeder
Mrs. Amy Kurkjian, secretary to children's editor,
August 4, 1952
Miss Thora Brown, secretary to Mr. Helmich,
September 15, 1952
Mrs. Florence Hunsberger, part-time secretary to
Mr. Walters, October 30, 1952
Mrs. Maxine Fischer, secretary to Mr. McQueen,
(St. Louis), November 3, 1952
Mrs. Gladys Abrahamson, circulation, November 5,
1952
Miss Betty Applegate, secretary to Miss Rummel,
December 12, 1952
Miss Grace Mayton, secretary to Miss Balliet,
February 1, 1953
Miss Ruth Hartz, part-time clerk to Mr. Schlingman,
February 15, 1953

Mrs. Jill Shellenberger, part-time secretary to
Mr. Rumpf, February 15, 1953
Mrs. Miriam Weaver, secretary to Mr. Ahrens,
February 20, 1953
Mrs. Alice Eshbach, secretary to Mr. Rumpf,
March 1, 1953
Mrs. Margery Van Taube, secretary to Dr. Wentzel,
March 1, 1953

Our force of staff and office workers, permanent and part-time, in Philadelphia and St. Louis, totals 61. To all our employees we pay special tribute for devoted and faithful service.

Two of our employees - Miss Mary G. Roberts and Miss Jeanette L. Patterson - have been in the employ of the Board for 25 years. Miss Helen M. Morrow completed 30 years of service with the Board on January 8, 1953. Plans are being made to take special recognition of these employees, who have given unstintingly of themselves to the work of our Church for such a long period of time.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

Our education department budget for 1952, as approved by the Board a year ago, totaled \$192,737.94. Receipts on account of our educational work were as follows:

Regular monthly apportionment payments	\$150,000.00
Contributions from the Women's Guild	26,000.00
Contributions from churches	1,142.54
Cash balance from 1951	<u>24,638.51</u>
	\$201,781.05

Actual net expenditures for 1952 in our educational department totaled \$168,147.31. In addition there were some advance expenditures for supplies, postage, travel, and the like. There is a cash balance of \$31,527.58 available to apply to our 1953 budget. Since our auditor has not yet submitted his report on the operations of the past year, we cannot be certain that the figures reported in this section are final figures. There may be some adjustments recommended by the auditors that will modify some of the items. It is clear, however, that we finished the year 1952 well within our budget. A summary of budget appropriations and actual expenditures will be of interest.

	<u>Budget</u> <u>Allowance</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Difference between</u> <u>Expend. & Allowance</u>
General Administration	38,440.68	34,350.40	- 4,090.28
Service Library	3,492.22	2,843.24	- 648.98
Leadership Training	14,689.16	14,237.08	- 452.08
Weekday & Vac. Schools	500.00	930.56	/ 430.56
Children's Work	20,886.40	24,267.41	/ 3,381.01
Youth Work	33,526.00	36,738.24	/ 3,212.24
Student Work	38,485.00	20,909.22	-17,575.78
Camps & Conferences			
Administrative	15,242.16	14,515.19	- 726.97
Operation	4,675.00	2,956.44	- 1,718.56
Audio-Visuals	3,000.00	(406.07)	- 3,406.07
Adult Work	7,585.64	8,841.07	/ 1,265.43
Literature Consultant	2,807.96	2,717.71	- 90.25
Cooperative Council	3,000.00	3,000.00	-----
The Messenger	2,000.00	2,188.96	/ 188.96
Shipping Department	5,176.00	2,834.14	- 2,341.86
Purdue	1,000.00	3,440.64	/ 2,440.64

It will be noted that the only departments in which there were large over-expenditures were the following: children's work, youth work, and the Purdue Conference. The over-expenditure in the department of children's work can be traced to one item, namely, the National Children's Workers' Workshop. Because of the fact that there was a large delegation from the west coast in attendance at the 1952 Workshop, it was a practical impossibility to apply the travel equalization principle to all delegates. As a consequence, the department budget had to carry a heavy share of the travel costs of the more distant delegates.

In the department of youth work, the over-expenditure can be traced to a more elaborate field promotion program than was originally planned, to increased travel costs, additional office equipment and supplies beyond what was budgeted for these items.

The over-expenditures in the Purdue Conference account should be recovered in large part in our 1953 operation.

PERIODICAL

In the periodical department our income from sales for 1952 exceeded costs and expenses by the sum of \$41,367.31. Again, this figure may be modified slightly after the auditor has made necessary adjustments in accounting procedures. In this connection it will be of interest to note the following comparative data:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Net Sales</u>	<u>Costs & Expenses</u>	<u>Profit</u>	<u>P.C. of Profit</u>
1946	\$223,210.23	\$ 218,619.89	\$ 6,690.34	.03 (3%)
1947	259,315.79	245,382.39	13,933.40	.053 (5.3%)
1948	324,255.19	274,066.00	50,404.21	.152 (15.2%)
1949	382,194.88	338,029.04	44,165.84	.116 (11.6%)
1950	425,400.84	358,749.28	66,651.56	.156 (15.6%)
1951	514,770.62	438,422.32	76,348.30	.146 (14.6%)
1952	509,595.77	468,228.46	41,367.31	.081 (8.1%)

It will be noted that there was a slight decrease in dollar volume of sales in 1952 of \$5,174.85 over 1951 figures, whereas expenses increased by \$29,804.14. Since costs are continuing to rise we shall have to watch the financial picture very carefully if we want to keep this part of our operation in a sound condition. It has been necessary for us to make a few price increases beginning with the fall quarter of 1953. It is apparent that we cannot continue the practice of allowing our customers a patronage dividend credit, at least for the present.

An analysis of the tentative profit and loss statement indicates that, in the Church and Home Series, out of 22 items published, the 7 teachers' guides were loss items. Losses ranged from \$1,675.68, for the junior teacher's guide, to \$5,230.37 for the kindergarten teacher's guide.

Of the 8 items published under the category Papers, Magazines, etc., 5 were loss items. These losses ranged from \$33.10, for the Youth Fellowship Kit, to \$12,323.50 for the Church School Worker. Youth, our bi-weekly newspaper, showed a loss of \$5,791.19.

Of the 9 items in the International Uniform Series, 4 were loss items. These losses ranged from \$669.12, for the Intermediate Pupil, to \$7,378.72 for the Youth-Adult Teacher. The Junior Teacher's quarterly showed a loss of \$4,248.59, and the Junior Pupil's quarterly, \$1,072.04.

The item showing the largest profit continues to be the Adult Student in the Uniform Series, totaling \$19,522.93. Other profitable items include the Junior Pupil's book in the Church and Home Series - \$16,034.48, the Young People and Adult Pupil book, Church and Home Series - \$12,219.46, the family book - \$8,641.58, and the Primary Pupil's book, Church and Home Series - \$1,169.80.

It is our hope that, beginning with the fall quarter of 1953 when we make some changes in our International Uniform Lesson Series' offerings, we may be able to show a somewhat different picture financially so far as some of the heavy loss items in this series are concerned.

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The quarterly filmstrip is paying its way and we have been able to find a market for this item outside our denomination far beyond our original expectations. After the quarterly filmstrip has been distributed to our regular periodical customers through the periodical department, all surplus stock is purchased by Christian Education Press which then markets it interdenominationally. The "Life of Christ" filmstrip has had a phenomenal sale outside our Church, and continues to be in good demand. It will soon be available in Great Britain through the Religious Education Press, Ltd., with which organization we have an agency agreement.

The family book seems to be holding its own in circulation. It has not found as wide use as we had at first hoped. We are, however, contemplating some changes in its content, which should help make it a more useful tool for the home in fulfilling its obligations in Christian nurture.

Circulation volume of the Church School Worker and of Youth needs to be increased. How to do it is our problem. We have been working at this job but have not yet achieved the results these publications deserve. Church School Worker should have a circulation of at least 25,000 and Youth should be reaching at least 30,000 of our young people. It may be that we are at the point where we should think in terms of a department whose chief concern will be to take care of the advertising and promotional aspects of all our publications. Most of the other denominational boards of Christian education with whom we are associated have departments of this type. The Presbyterians, for example, have a sizable staff devoting their entire time to this job. It might pay us to experiment in a modest way with this idea.

The Board will be interested to learn the status of the patronage dividend credits allowed on our 1951 business which were credited against 1952 orders received from our regular customers. Total patronage dividends credited to date are \$20,426.99 which leaves a balance of \$2,306.67 still unclaimed.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESS

Christian Education Press had a total volume of sales in 1952 of \$48,420.69. This figure represents a 60% increase over Christian Education Press sales in 1950 which was our highest previous total. The excess of income over expenditures for 1952 was \$7,564.26 which represents approximately 10% profit. This is certainly not an excessive figure and indicates that our prices, by and large, are in line with the service principle under which our Board operates its publishing activities. Too much credit cannot be given to Dr. Wentzel for the statesmanlike guidance that he has given this aspect of our Board's work in the face of considerable difficulty. Not only has Dr. Wentzel served as director of

publications but he has also served as director of curriculum, and until very recently edited the Church School Worker and the family books. He did an impossible job with exceeding patience and good will. Last fall he received some relief when responsibility for editing the Church School Worker was turned over to Jean Louise Smith and Herman Ahrens, and the editing of the family books was placed in the hands of Jean Louise Smith. With the increase in the tempo of our book publishing business, which will require the full-time of Dr. Wentzel and possibly another editor, we should move quickly to relieve Dr. Wentzel still further by finding a person to head up our curriculum venture. We need someone in this post who has a definite interest in the curriculum field, who has had sound and thorough training in theology and Christian education, and who is young enough to have a sufficiently long future ahead of him to give some genuine guidance to this important aspect of our work. It is my judgment that we should take whatever steps are necessary at this time to begin looking for the right person for this job.

As we look forward to the meeting of the General Synod this summer, we have a deep concern about some of the recommendations of the Study Committee which will be acted upon at that time. The recommendation that concerns us most has to do with the publishing interests of the Board. It would seem important that we consider this matter carefully and take whatever action seems wise and for the best interest of the Church as a whole.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

For the past several years we have been carrying an item on our books under the title "New Curriculum Account." This account has carried the expenses incurred in promoting the new curriculum, the costs of our field worker program, and the costs involved in conducting staff conferences from time to time in connection with curriculum development. It is now clear that curriculum development will be one of our continuing concerns. We are already in the process of thinking about what changes are to occur in the present Church and Home Series in 1959 when the third three-year cycle is completed. An initial conference looking toward this eventuality was held in Schwenksville, Pennsylvania, over the last Thanksgiving weekend. Following this, a joint staff conference was held in Boston about the middle of December 1952. Other conferences are planned for next fall. Meanwhile, an extensive denomination-wide survey of present materials is being undertaken in our Church as well as by the Congregational Christians.

In view of the continuing nature of this operation, it is recommended that we change the title of this account in our records to "Curriculum Development Program." Present indications are that we shall need approximately \$15,000 a year to carry the items that will normally be included in this account. It is therefore recommended that the sum of \$15,000 be transferred from 1952 periodical income to this account for the purposes indicated.

Following is a statement of our expenditures in the new curriculum account for the past year:

Balance on hand, December 31, 1951	\$ 8,548.23	
Transferred from Periodical Income, 5/31/52	<u>10,000.00</u>	
		\$ 18,548.23

Total Expenditures, January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952		
Authors' Fees - Church and Home Series -		
Advances transferred to Publications	(1,303.70)	
Curriculum Survey for Department of Children's Work	150.00	
Promotional Expenses	281.92	
Salaries - Editors and Secretaries	1,822.21	
Stationery and Supplies	3.93	
Telephone and Telegraph	2.70	
Travel	737.69	
Christian Education Institutes -		
Travel	669.76	
Other Expenses	39.49	
Field Workers -		
Salary	6,641.68	
Travel	2,074.43	
Supplies and other expenses	<u>397.10</u>	
		<u>11,517.21</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1952	\$ 7,031.02	

THE 1953 BUDGET

At its meeting on January 5, 1953, the Executive Committee tentatively approved an educational department budget for 1953 totaling \$217,235.88. This budget was presented to the Committee of Finance and Budget of the General Council in February 1953. Our 1953 budget calls for a denominational apportionment of \$160,000.00 which is \$10,000.00 more than we received in 1952. This figure was approved by the General Council as our guaranteed advance for 1953.

In this connection it will be of interest to note how the various boards and agencies fared percentage-wise for guaranteed advances in 1953.

Our 1953 budget estimated the sum of \$15,000.00 as possible income from the Women's Guild. It is a pleasure to report that the Board of Directors of the Women's Guild allotted to our Board the sum of \$15,000.00 from the 1952 Thank Offering overage. We are deeply indebted to the Women's Guild for its continued interest in and generous support of our work.

	Budget 1951-1953	Guaranteed Advance 1951	Guaranteed Advance 1952	Guaranteed Advance 1953	P.C. of General Synod Allow- ance
Inter'l Missions	750,000	490,000	600,000	660,000	88
National Missions	673,000	390,000	500,000	580,000)	94
" " Build.Fund	-----	39,000	50,000	50,000)	
Pensions & Relief	448,000	373,000	390,000	400,000)	90
" " Pastors' Homes	-----	3,750	4,000	4,000)	
Christian Education	190,000	130,000	140,000	160,000	84
Business Management	16,500	15,000	15,000	10,000	61
Eden Seminary	52,000	47,000	52,000	52,000	100
Lancaster Seminary	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	100
Mission House	36,000	30,000	36,000	36,000	100
Elmhurst College	61,000	54,900	61,000	61,000	100
Heidelberg College	29,290	26,361	29,290	29,290	100
Cedar Crest College	24,000	21,600	24,000	24,000	100
Catawba College	24,000	21,600	24,000	24,000	100
Ursinus College	18,000	16,200	18,000	18,000	100
F. & M. College	18,000	16,200	18,000	18,000	100
Hood College	14,500	13,050	14,500	14,500	100
Massanutten Academy	9,000	8,100	9,000	9,000	100
Mercersburg Academy	9,000	8,100	9,000	9,000	100
Educational Emer. Fd.	52,260	48,000	52,000	52,000	99
Churchmen's Brother.	8,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	88
Women's Guild	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	100
Comm. on Evangelism	25,000	22,000	24,000	25,000	100
Comm. on Chris. Soc.Ac.	35,000	22,000	27,000	30,000	86
Stewardship Comm.	7,800	7,000	7,800	7,800	100
Comm. on Higher Educ.	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	100
Comm. on Ben. Insti.	1,000	700	800	1,000	100
Historical Comm.	1,500	1,200	1,500	1,500	100
Travel Equalization	2,000	1,800	2,000	2,000	100
Comm. on Life Enlist.	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	100
Comm. on Chaplains	4,000	3,000	3,500	1,000	25
Nat'l Coun. of Church.	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	100
World Coun. of Church.	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	100
Alliance of Ref. Church.	2,400	----	2,400	2,400	100
Student Aid	70,000	60,000	70,000	70,000	100
Contingent Items	50,000	30,000	50,000	50,000	100
United Promotion	61,500	54,000	57,000	61,500	100
Visual Aids	35,000	31,000	35,000	35,000	100
Radio	6,750	6,750	6,750	6,750	100
Administra'n Fund	110,000	100,000	100,000	110,000	100
	2,900,000	2,153,811	2,496,040	2,677,240	

Our 1953 budget represents an increase of \$24,497.94 over the 1952 total. The difference consists of salary increases, increases in support of interdenominational agencies, and additional services by practically every department. Since the amount budgeted for 1953 appears to be in sight, it is hoped that the Board will see its way clear to approve the budget as presented.

FIFTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Plans for our Fifth National Conference on Christian Education to be held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, June 30-July 3, 1953, seem to be well in hand under the competent leadership of Loren Walters who has been named conference director. Mr. Walters will give a detailed account of plans in his report. We confidently hope that our goal of 3,000 full-time delegates will be more than realized since it is our feeling that this conference can serve as a means of providing new impetus to our whole program of Christian education throughout the denomination. It has been a source of great satisfaction to note with what enthusiasm seminar leaders, platform speakers, and other principals responded to our invitation to participate in the Purdue Conference. It has been no easy task to get matters organized for such a large gathering but all staff members have cooperated magnificently in our efforts.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Revised Standard Bible Observance. This observance, held in connection with Christian Education Week in 1952, was a most successful undertaking. As is now well-known, more than a million copies of the new translation of the Bible were sold during the first week of publication. Another million copies have been sold since the fall of 1952 and the publisher, Thomas Nelson Sons, is having difficulty keeping up with orders. To help feature the observance among our people we mailed to all pastors and church school superintendents a first-day cover with stamp commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the printing of the Bible from movable type. At the same time we took advantage of the opportunity to call attention to the Church and Home Series which, beginning with the fall quarter of 1952, centered on an intensive study of the Bible for all age groups. Attention was likewise directed to the then current family book entitled "Bible Quiz Book", which our people were encouraged to order in sufficient quantity to supply their entire constituency. The response which we received to this special mailing indicated that it was appreciated by our people.

Ministry of Disruption. Simultaneous with the appearance of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible there was a resurgence of the dissident forces in American Christendom led by Carl McIntire and others. In some sections of the country good people in all denominations have been confused by the charges that have been made against the new version.

This matter was thoroughly discussed at the Annual Meeting of the Division of Christian Education in Cincinnati, and the feeling expressed that McIntire and his colleagues are using the Revised Standard Version of the Bible as a convenient means to their more immediate purpose of under-mining the ecumenical movement as represented by the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. It was recommended that denominational Boards of Christian Education do everything possible to inform their people about the movement represented by Carl McIntire and his associates. Attention was directed to a study of dissident groups in American Protestantism made by Ralph L. Roy, a graduate student at Columbia University. A digest of Mr. Roy's study has been published in mimeographed form by the Division of Literature and Publications, The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. We have received permission to circulate this study to our pastors.

Recognition of Staff Members. The Board will be pleased to note that a number of our staff members hold important committee chairmanships in the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches. Loren Walters is chairman of the newly created Committee on Administration and Leadership, Oscar J. Rumpf is chairman of the Committee on Adult Work, Edward L. Schlingman is chairman of the Committee on Camps and Conferences, and Henry Tani is chairman of the Production Committee for the Youth Audio-Visual Series being developed by the Committee on Youth Work of the Division. These appointments indicate that others besides ourselves recognize the merits of our staff members.

Free Materials to Newly Organized Church Schools. In accordance with the announced policy of our Board, the following newly organized church schools in the denomination received in the past year free materials for one quarter:

St. Matthews	Charlotte, N.C.	\$ 44.53
Deer Park	Cincinnati, Ohio	73.09
Market Heights Mission	Canton, Ohio	149.63
Kenhorst Community	Kenhorst, Reading, Pa.	105.39
Faith	Allentown, Pa.	66.22
Christ	Evansville, Ind.	117.65
Kaywin Community	Bethlehem, Pa.	70.89
South Park	Houston, Texas	67.99
St. Pauls	Boston, N.Y.	39.61
St. Pauls	Overton, Pa.	54.85
Churchill Manor	Pittsburgh, Pa.	68.98
Redeemer	Dushore, Pa.	17.65
Elkland	Elkland, Pa.	49.65
Mt. Zion	Spring Grove, Pa.	91.75
Church of the Good Shepherd	Reseda, Calif.	20.14
Friedens Chapel	St. Louis, Mo.	66.41
El Camino Community	Carmichael, Calif.	19.08
Westlawn Community Mission	Milwaukee, Wis.	88.68

Total \$ 1,212.19

In addition we sent a considerable volume of materials, free of charge or at less than cost, to a number of missionaries on the foreign field.

The Ansley Manuscript. By action of the Board a year ago, a 93-page mimeographed document representing a digest of Elmer F. Ansley's dissertation at Yale University, was published and is now being distributed by our Board under the title of "Pastors Are Teachers". Fred McQueen edited the manuscript for publication and the Board is indebted to him for this work. Dr. Ansley has offered to make a contribution to the Board to cover a portion of the costs involved in this enterprise.

"Life of Christ" Paintings. The 75 original paintings in water color on the "Life of Christ" by Jacques Barosin have been on almost continuous exhibit since their initial appearance in the fall of 1951. Beginning at the Philadelphia Art Alliance in September 1951, the paintings have been displayed at John Wanamaker's, Philadelphia, Pa., and Wilmington, Del.; Leh's Department Store, Allentown, Pa.; the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, O.; the Famous-Barr Department stores, St. Louis and Clayton, Mo.; Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Mo.; the Baptist Assembly Grounds, Green Lake, Wis.; UCYM Conference, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.; Southern Presbyterian headquarters, Richmond, Va.; and in E & R churches, Akron, O., and Waynesboro, Pa. Exhibits are scheduled for 1953-54 for Baltimore, Md.; Reading, Pa.; Charlotte and Concord, N.C., and Dallas, Texas.

Investment of Trust and Surplus Funds. The Finance Committee of the Board has held periodic meetings with the representatives of the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Company who have charge of the Board's funds included in the Investment Supervisory and Custodian Service Account of the aforementioned bank. As the bank's report will indicate, our experience with this investment service seems to be quite satisfactory.

All monies previously invested in savings accounts have now been transferred to full-paid shares in savings and loan associations, or to other types of investments directed by the Board at its last Annual Meeting.

Representation at Conferences. A Conference on Christian Education in the Local Church has been called by the Committee on Administration and Leadership of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches. This conference is scheduled to be held at Conference Point, Lake Geneva, Wis., August 2 - 8, 1953. We have been asked to name in addition to our staff representative, Loren Walters, three persons from our denomination to represent our Board at this important conference. The following persons have been invited and have indicated their willingness to accept:

Dr. Gerson S. Engelmann
Rev. Lee J. Gable
Dr. John H. Shope of the American Friends of the
Middle East, New York

It is hoped that the Board will see its way clear to approve these nominations.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee on January 5, 1953, it was reported that Mr. Rumpf had been invited to attend the Second Family Life Conference at Chauteau deBoissey, Celigny, Switzerland, in June 1953. The Executive Committee voted that Mr. Rumpf be encouraged to attend this conference and agreed to make available to him the sum of \$1,000.00 to cover the expenses involved. Because of other commitments Mr. Rumpf found it impossible to accept this invitation. It was decided to recommend that Fred E. McQueen be appointed to serve as an alternate delegate to this conference. The members of the Board were polled and on the basis of returns received, an invitation has been extended to Mr. McQueen.

Dr. Gerson S. Engelmann and Rev. Martin P. Schroedel of Staunton, Ill., were appointed as representatives of our Board to the Pastors' Section of the Annual Meeting of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches held in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 10 - 12, 1953.

IN APPRECIATION

I take this opportunity to express my personal gratitude to Board members, staff colleagues, and fellow workers in our offices who have given so generously of their cooperation, support and encouragement. The friendly atmosphere in which our work is done is stimulating and rewarding. It is my sincere hope that God may continue to bless us as we strive to work together at the task that has been committed unto us.

Respectfully submitted,

F. I. SHEEDER

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Consider the possibility of employing a person who will assume responsibility for the advertising and promotional aspects of the publications of our Board.
2. Consider the possibility of employing a full-time director of curriculum.
3. Change the title of our new curriculum account to "Curriculum Development Program" and transfer the sum of \$15,000 from 1952 periodical income to this account.
4. Consider and act upon the 1953 budget.
5. Approve nomination of persons invited to attend the Conference on Christian Education in the Local Church.
6. Consideration of the report of the Special Study Committee as it affects our Board.

To the Members of the
Board of Christian Education and Publication

During the past year, three meetings of the editors and directors of children's work were held to consider further the possibilities of preparing a joint primary-junior teacher's quarterly to carry Uniform Lessons for the teachers of these two departments. Consideration was given to the kind of guidance material needed, the pattern that should be used for this material, and for new cover designs for all quarterlies. When the decisions were made, I was asked to secure the writers and to make final arrangements with the artist.

The Primary-Junior Teacher's Quarterly will be 64 pages, 8½ x 11. The Junior Pupil's Quarterly will be reduced to 48 pages. The name for the Intermediate Pupil's Quarterly will be changed to Junior High, and that of the Senior-Young People's Quarterly to Seniors Young People.

The writers for the primary teachers' materials are: Mabel McCaw, Olivia Nolte, Polly Engelmann, and Mrs. David Tilden. With the exception of the junior-high writers, the same writers who prepared the material in the past will continue to write for the different age groups. We have added two new writers in the junior-high field: Robert Fauth and Paul Helm.

The editing of the manuscripts for the primary, senior young people, and adult quarterlies, Uniform Series, and the Older Young People and Adult, Church and Home Series, is done in the St. Louis office. For the past year I have personally prepared the manuscript for the Lesson Leaf. The basic editing of the junior pupil and junior teacher material is done by Rose Marie Kniker, and the editing of the Junior High is done by Marie Rose Remmel. Miss Esther Freivogel is doing basic editing of some materials and most of the first proofreading. Since Dr. Hermann's retirement, she has been giving approximately 13 days a month to this work. Her work is very satisfactory.

With the closing of Central Publishing House, the printing of the Lesson Leaf and the Adult Student was transferred to Eden Publishing House. At present, all the Uniform Lesson quarterlies are printed in St. Louis.

We have been fortunate in securing all manuscripts on time, and so have been able to meet the printing schedule without any difficulty.

In October, 1952, Mrs. Betty Jane Underkofler left our employ. (She is now devoting her time to her baby boy.) Her place has been most capably filled by Mrs. Maxine Fischer, who previously had been in our employ for fifteen years. The change in secretaries, therefore, was most easy.

During the early part of October, I represented the Board at the Kansas City Regional Conferences. The presentation of the work of the Board was given a prominent place and ample time on the general program and in the sectional meetings. The attendance at the conferences was excellent, since all churches in each area were represented. In each of the sectional meetings, the group on Christian education was the largest. In the sectional meetings all kinds of problems were discussed--cooperation between men's and women's work and adult classes; use of curriculum; Uniform Series, teaching problems; discipline, etc. The response was very good.

In November I was invited to speak at the anniversary service of Zion's Church, St. Joseph, Mo. Rev. Stoerker asked me if I would be willing to meet with the superintendents of the schools in the area during the afternoon. He expected only a small group. When the time arrived for the meeting, not only the superintendents were present but also a very large number of teachers and other interested adults. We had a two-hour session. Among the topics discussed were: interpretation of the Bible (in our curriculum), theological issues, problems of discipline, family.

Again during the past year I had the opportunity and privilege of working with the Division of Christian Education, National Council, serving in one or the other capacities on several committees. I should like to report on one aspect, the Committee on Lesson Syndication to Daily and Weekly Papers. This committee has broadened its activities and effectiveness as can be seen from the following statistics:

Kind of Material	No. of Dailies Using Material	No. of Weeklies Using Material	States	Total Circulation
Bible Lesson Column	27		27	2,129,644
The Bible Speaks		736	34	1,149,949
The Bible Speaks	24		10	117,447
Sidewalk Sermons	14		28	224,006
Prayers for Today	47		25	1,422,050

"The Bible Lesson Column" and "Sidewalk Sermons" are prepared by Dr. Roy L. Smith; "The Bible Speaks" is prepared by Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman. The "Prayers for Today" are prepared by different ministers from about twenty denominations. These features appear under the signature of the "National Council Religious Features." The money advanced by the denominations to initiate this venture has all been paid. At present there is a balance in this department of \$891.01.

To all Board members and to my colleagues in the venture, a hearty "thank you" for the courtesies, consideration and general helpfulness during the past year.

Respectfully,

FRED E. MCQUEEN

To the Members of the
Board of Christian Education and Publication:

With all the talk of trash on our newstands, the Church is challenged to present today's teenagers with "alive" publications that both answer their needs and satisfy their desires in contrast to what they get from the secular sources. Our response to this challenge is Youth newspaper. As the "voice" of the young people of our denomination, Youth must give them something of what young people want and more of what they need.

Generally we have increased the emphasis on the "good news" among local youth groups everywhere; continued articles geared to the Church and Home; given promotion to the denominational Youth Fellowship program; used lighter material for younger readers; increased use of illustrations and picture features; and continued our efforts to make a stand on issues of vital concern to today's church youth. Since television and radio take up so much of the time of young people, we experimented with a TV-radio column which after ten months running in Youth will soon be syndicated by us to other denominational publications, including Presbyterian Life, Christian Advocate, and Builders. Over the past year other publications have reprinted Youth articles, including WHO?, a Joint Commission on Missionary Education book for teenagers.

Once again in cooperation with the Department of Student Work we published an eight-page special college student edition (March 8) of which 15,000 extra copies were mailed to Evangelical and Reformed colleges and United Student Fellowship centers throughout the country. And with the October 19 issue of Youth we printed an eight-page edition giving a picture and word coverage of the significant events and results of the National Council meeting of the Youth Fellowship at Webster Groves, Missouri. Cost for this edition was shared by the Department of Youth Work.

But still is Youth answering the needs of our teens? Despite our efforts, we still receive comments from young people such as the following from a teen-age lad in Ohio: "Youth does not have the interest necessary to be totally successful. Youth needs to begin at the interest level of the average reader---sports, humor, fiction, as well as the excellent feature stories which are now used."

To continue our present pattern of articles plus adding sports, humor, and fiction is evidence of the limitations of space in the current four pages to Youth. And that's why a six-month experiment with six pages instead of the previous four pages is suggested. Two additional pages would make possible both our present pattern

of material plus the lighter sort of material evidently necessary to satisfy the average teen reader. This also may help satisfy those churches still wanting a "story paper" for senior high and post-high young people. To offset this increase in cost of production, perhaps the subscription rate to Youth can be raised.

Concurrently with this six-page experiment, an intensive promotional campaign would be carried out with its emphasis on gaining support of key young people and Youth Fellowship leaders on the synodical and local level. In the past our promotional emphasis has been with the ministers and superintendents.

A pleasant part of my work in the youth field continues to be the associations with Henry Tani, Ethel Shellenberger, the Youth Associate and the secretarial staff of the Department of Youth Work. Their "news tips," promotional support, counsel, and regular columns continually benefit Youth newspaper. In turn, I continued assisting editorially on Leaders of Youth and the new revised Youth Fellowship Handbook, and sitting in on Youth Fellowship Kit planning sessions, preparing the youth pages of the Church School Worker, participating in the Purdue Youth Committee and the October meeting of the Cooperative Council on Missionary Education, and lending assistance when necessary.

Highlighting the year's experiences with youth groups in the field was the second National Council of the Youth Fellowship at Webster Groves, Missouri, last August. To see the calibre of young people selected as leaders in our denomination was generally encouraging. Other "field" assignments included leadership at the caravan training session at Heidelberg College; the Camp Michaux spring youth rally of Mercersburg Synod; curriculum conference at Dover, Ohio; youth-adult workshops at Dunkirk; and a weekend retreat of Canton (O.) district senior high young people.

Interests and responsibilities have carried my activities into the interdenominational field, also. An overall picture of what is currently being published by the various denominations in the youth field was graphically brought home when I had the opportunity to serve on a three-man committee making an analysis of the youth publications of 26 Protestant denominations. This report was made at the October meetings of the National Council of Churches Committee on Youth Work held at Green Lake, Wisconsin. Another interdenominational experience was the quadrennial Christian Youth Conference of North America at Purdue at which time I led a seminar on public relations for youth. And increased insight into the ecumenical work camps program was attained by sitting in on a meeting of work camp staff personnel in New York City in October. And the latest in editorial techniques was shared by denominational editors at the Story Paper Editors Conference in May (1952). Advisory leadership has also been given to our local community's "Call" follow-up program.

A new set of deadlines has been added to my schedule. With the January 1953 issue of Church School Worker, additional editorial responsibility was undertaken. All page and ad layouts, engravings, proof reading, and other production assignments now cross my desk under the new arrangement for editing and publishing the Church School Worker. Being a new experience for both Jean Louise Smith and me, we hope to increase the efficiency of our cooperative effort as each issue goes to press. The spirit of cooperation on the part of both Miss Smith and Mrs. Logan make this task promising. An additional incentive are our newly-furnished and spacious editorial offices on the third floor, for which we are grateful.

Planning for "Purdue" currently dominates staff activities. As publicity chairman I have occasionally been assisting Mr. Walters in designing and publishing promotional material and preparing publicity. In connection with curriculum planning, the Schwenksville and Boston meetings were attended. In addition, articles have been prepared for The Messenger and other denominational publications.

Amid the rush of deadlines, the cooperation and comradeship of fellow staff members have been a lift. But in all my work these past few years, I have cherished most the loyal assistance of my wife who served well as my secretary until she retired on February 28. At the office, Lorene was more than a secretary---she was my editorial assistant. As Lorene's successor, Mrs. Miriam Weaver is to be commended for her quick grasp of the task before her.

Thankful for the blessings of the past year, we look forward with God's guidance to the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Herman C. Ahrens, Jr.

To the Members of the
Board of Christian Education and Publication

Some people speak of the "editorial sanctum" and visualize the editor sitting behind a desk in a room devoid of noise and confusion, reading a manuscript or leisurely writing an editorial. What a shock they would get if they knew the facts! Certainly, keeping up with twelve publications does not permit leisurely, unhurried reading and writing.

New Quarters

Since the last Board meeting new quarters have been provided for the editorial department, and we are all happy over the present arrangement, since it provides adequate space and permits close working together of the editors. Good lighting, pleasant surroundings, and adequate equipment make for physical comfort and greater efficiency. We are grateful to the Board for providing us with such good office arrangements. We invite you to come to see us!

Lesson Materials

At the time of writing, final proof is being read on the last course in our Church and Home Series, and the printed courses of the first cycle are being reread in preparation for reprinting them during the second cycle. Only such changes are being made in the junior, junior high, and senior high courses as are necessary to correct printing errors, to bring dated material up to date, and to change parts of courses that have brought us a great deal of negative criticism.

We are planning one new course in the junior high series. Our Church Around the World, the second one in the cycle, was a mixture of CC-E&R missions. We decided to make it completely E. & R. Miss Lael Henderson has been secured to do the writing. It will require steady work on her part and the editor's to get it ready for the printer by July 1. On the senior high level, there is a possibility that one new course will be prepared.

Because of the illness of Miss Machen and her subsequent resignation, it has fallen to my lot to do the editorial work on the junior courses in addition to my regular work. It so happened that an unusual number of denominational changes were needed in the last two courses of the series. Miss Henderson was able to help on the last of these. Since the first

year's courses must be read before June to indicate what changes we want to make in the second cycle, it has meant much additional work at this time.

Some time must also be squeezed in to think about the next series, to begin in the fall of 1959. More time will have to be devoted to that during the coming year.

The fall quarter of 1953 brings a change in the name of our Uniform Series quarterly for the early teens. To conform to the nomenclature used in all other publications of the Board, it will now be called "junior high" instead of "intermediate." It will also have a new cover design. A change in policy for writers of this course is also being made. For the past nine years the same writer has prepared the material for this quarterly. Next year three writers will prepare it: Rev. Robert Mathes (who has been the writer in the past), Rev. Robert Fauth, and Rev. Paul Helm.

Story Papers

Since Miss Machen's departure all three story papers (Stories, Trailblazer, Venture) have again come to be my responsibility. As reported in the past two years, the cooperation with the Presbyterian editors has continued to be all that could be desired. Basic planning is done twice a year by the responsible editors of the Presbyterian, U.S.A., Congregational Christian, United Lutheran, United Presbyterian, and the Evangelical and Reformed Churches. Each week proof is read and the editors confer by phone, or by correspondence whenever that is necessary.

The Presbyterian U.S.A. editors are always happy for suggestions and are glad to get constructive criticisms. I am happy about the contents of these papers in every respect except that I miss this opportunity to provide our growing boys and girls with stories from our denominational missions. Of course the interdenominational mission themes are stressed.

Junior Hi Kit

Miss Shellenberger and I (and for that matter Miss Claypool of the C.C.'s) are not satisfied with the contents of next year's Kit. So much of the material is too difficult for all but the most advanced groups who have excellent leadership. Material simply written by the authors was changed by the editor so as to make it quite difficult. This editor is leaving on April 1, and so we are waiting to see what a new editor will do for the following year before making official

complaints. Our planning meeting is usually held in April, but that may have to be put off if the Presbyterians have not yet secured a new Junior Hi Kit editor.

Last year I reported that six of our own E. & R. writers had contributed materials to the Kit. This year none of our suggestions was taken.

Interdenominational Activities

During the year I attended several National Council meetings: Committee on Youth Work, Division of Christian Education annual meetings, Story Paper Subsection of the Editor's Section, Committee on Uniform Series, Committee on Curriculum for Emergency Areas.

At the annual Board meeting last year I reported on the first meeting of the latter committee. In March we were called together to plan a curriculum for the armed forces for use in the fall of 1952. When the Air Force chaplain realized how we were being rushed to plan a satisfactory curriculum, and when he saw the type of material we were preparing, he decided that it would be best to postpone the inauguration of the curriculum to the fall of 1953, in order that training sessions could be held in the various military installations before the curriculum was introduced. A team of four women was sent to Europe last summer to train the church school teachers in the armed forces in this area.

In the fall, another meeting of the committee was held and we came away quite satisfied with the curriculum we had built from courses selected from various denominations. Then the chaplains asked that we go further than the junior high years and plan for the high school, older youth, and adult age groups also. A meeting was tentatively set for February. However, this was not held for the reasons quoted below:

In view of the fact that the chaplaincy is seeking to meet as far as possible the total Protestant need with one curriculum, and in view of the fact that there are so many Protestant groups which are not affiliated with the National Council of Churches, the chaplaincy has decided to establish a new type of interim committee to carry forward this project and bring it to completion. The committee being established will be composed of seven persons: the three chaplains to whom the chiefs-of-chaplains have delegated responsibility; Mr. John Ribble as the Chairman of the Protestant Church-Owned Publishers' Association's Committee for Curriculum for the Armed Forces; and three age-group representatives.

The original committee, however, is to remain intact, and a meeting has been called for late March at Buck Hill Falls to put the total spread (including senior high and adult courses) into final form, and to make suggestions concerning other helpful items for the prospectus, such as those relating to leadership education and vacation church school.

The chaplaincy and the denominational publishers have agreed to postpone the inauguration of the curriculum in the armed forces until October, 1954. So the emergency was evidently not as great as it seemed to be in 1952. Instead, a long-range program seems to be developing.

In Appreciation

The work of the past year could not have been carried out as it was if I had not had the wholehearted cooperation of three secretaries: Mrs Leila Logan, who divided her time between the office of the children's editor and my office until September, when she became Miss Smith's full-time secretary; Mrs. Amy Kurkjian, whose time was also shared with the office of the children's editor until December, when she became the full-time secretary of Miss Machen; and Miss Betty Applegate, who has been my full-time secretary since December. I am especially grateful to have received someone with Miss Applegate's experience in the editorial field just at this time when it has been necessary to take over additional work until a new editor of children's publications is secured. She has relieved me of much work that could not have been carried by an inexperienced person.

The cooperation of all members of the staff has also been greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Rose Rummel

To the Members of the
Board of Christian Education and Publication

It is rather difficult to make a report that has any degree of unity this year, because it was a year of flux, change, and adjustment as far as my work was concerned.

I continued in the job of children's editor until June 1. The chief part of that work involved setting up the revisions for the Primary Teacher's Guides which we are revising on our own, separately from the C.C.'s for the second cycle of the Church and Home Series. It was a time-consuming piece of work as it involved getting together all of the criticisms and suggestions from the field and from all possible sources, compiling them, making decisions as to what should be done with them, and then getting them to the authors who had agreed to do the revising.

The other parts of the children's editor's work went along as usual with no special innovations that need to be noted at this time.

I wrote one of the family books, It's Happening All the Time, during the spring of 1952.

June 11 marked one of the biggest days in my life, for it was on that date that I sailed on the "Queen Mary" for a three-months' trip through England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and Switzerland. The ten days in Switzerland, August 7-17, were spent as a delegate to a conference on Christian education at the Ecumenical Institute, Celigney. There, some seventy-five selected delegates from pretty much all around the world, met to consider problems of teaching religion in the public schools. America was the only nation present having a system of teaching religion in public schools on released time.

The chief benefit derived from the conference was the opportunity to visit with people with varying backgrounds who held positions of church leadership. We heard some fine addresses, delivered in French, German, and English, and we had a stiff indoctrination of the neo-orthodox school of theology.

My journey was marked by many contacts of interest to my professional work. I spent a wonderful week at the island of Iona off the coast of Scotland. There I learned much of the history of how Christianity was brought into Northern England by St. Columba of Ireland. I saw the Iona Community in action and was entertained by Dr. George McLeod, the director of the Community,

and his wife, Lady McLeod.

From London I went to Wallingford, Surrey, to spend a day at the Religious Education Press to negotiate with the editors there about the possibility of distributing the Life of Christ filmstrip in Great Britain.

On my return to Philadelphia I assumed the responsibilities of editing the family books and as literary editor for the Church School Worker, with Herman Ahrens as managing editor. There has been much to learn about these new duties, and thanks to the patience of Dr. Fred Wentzel, I have gradually been able to take over all of this work.

Because our children's editor was unable to continue her work after December 1, I have done what I could to keep that work going until we found someone for that job. It has not been easy and I have felt that much of the time I have not been able to do either job justice because of the pressure of work. However, we have an able part-time assistant in the person of Mrs. Marcus Priester who is editing the Primary Teacher's Guides for the second cycle. Marie Remmel is also helping by adding to her already heavy load the responsibilities of editing the junior materials and of reading the story papers.

I feel most fortunate in having been able to keep Mrs. Logan, my competent secretary, to assist me in this new work. She has done much to make the path smooth.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Louise Smith

THE SERVICE LIBRARY

To the Members of the
Board of Christian Education and Publication

Since writing my last report for the Board, my work has been much the same as the year before. During that time, there have been over 1,200 requests for books; 4115 books were checked out, many of them renewed as well. 344 new books were added to the Service Library here, and I have written 462 letters and cards in library business, many of the latter reminders that books were overdue. Some of the new books were gratis, review copies, but many were bought so as to keep the library up to date.

Today we have in the main library in Philadelphia close to 6,000 different books, but over 7,300 volumes, for we have 2-5 copies of some books which are in great demand. Even so, it happens at times that all copies of a certain title book are in use. In addition to the books in Philadelphia, there are 1,600 or more books in the St. Louis branch of the Service Library, most books published by Friendship Press on mission study and books of biography.

The year has been a very busy one. Even with working evenings at the library or at home quite a few nights, there never seemed time enough to get everything done. This was due in part to the fact of getting ready to publish a new catalog of the Service Library. I had hoped that this would be ready in time for the Annual Board meeting; that does not seem possible now. It should, however, be ready for the Purdue Conference. Preliminary to getting ready the first draft of the manuscript for the new library catalog, came the task of going through the library shelves and eliminating books, especially worn copies and some old books no longer called for. The latter are left on the shelves in many cases yet are no longer listed in the catalog.

In addition to the work of the library, I have continued doing some editorial work. As editor, I have written close to a hundred letters besides doing my own typing of them and any necessary typing of lessons.

During my absence early last year, Miss Hinkle and her secretary, Ruth Welsh, kindly substituted in the library, getting out the most necessary work. Since late spring, Jeanne Laros has taken over these duties in my absence. I am grateful for their assistance, also for that of Mrs. Ethel Kennel in St. Louis who assisted me when I checked on the books in the St. Louis branch and rechecked the manuscript early this year. I am grateful also for all favors of all members of the staff and the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSE M. KNIKER

L I T E R A T U R E C O N S U L T A N T

In this the third year of the first three-year cycle of the Church and Home Series, and also the year of General Synod, it seems appropriate to make my report completely a matter of statistics and comparisons.

ENROLMENT

We have grown both in numbers and faithfulness:

	<u>Enrolment</u>	<u>Average Attendance</u>
1949:	484,753	276,514
1950:	490,530	282,214
1951:	494,180	285,927
1952:	503,263	292,563

This increase in enrolment for the past year has been helped, of course, by the number of new churches, but many of the established churches report increases also. The growth is fairly general throughout the Church, with only seven synods showing decreases: Central Pennsylvania, East Pennsylvania, Mercersburg, New York, Philadelphia, Rocky Mountain, and Southeast Ohio. It is true, however, that in these seven synods a number of 1953 statistical reports have not been received. The schools may have had increases but because we did not know about them we had to use last year's figures.

It seems to me that our field work and our improved curriculum may take credit for a part of this growth both in enrolment and in average attendance.

STATISTICAL REPORTS

As of March 30 we had received 2,061 reports as compared to 1998 last year. This has been without any follow up, except Dr. Sheeder's reminder in the Christian Education News in the recent mailing.

PERCENTAGE OF CHURCHES USING E. & R. CURRICULUM

Attached is a comparison of the churches' use of Evangelical and Reformed curriculum materials for the fall and winter quarters during the three years. You will note that the highest use of any item is the Primary; the next, Kindergarten; and the third, Junior.

You will discover that there is a slight decrease all along the line with the exception of the percentage of schools using Uniform only, where there is a slight increase.

Because these statistics could be completed only at the very last minute, I shall point out verbally at the meeting other interesting features of the comparisons.

Again we sent reports of use of Evangelical and Reformed Curriculum materials of the Church as a whole and the particular synod to each Synod Chairman of Christian Education. Some of them used the reports in synod publications.

As has always been true, correspondence continues to be the major medium of our service to church schools. It, with personal conferences, occupies more than half of our time. More and more, however, especially since we began the Church and Home Series, records and surveys have been in constant demand. Were it not for the ability and willingness of Ruth Welsh to assume complete responsibility for a great deal of the statistical work, it would have been impossible for our office to accomplish all that it did. Ruth is completing her 5th year here and I rejoice with her in that she is looking forward to going to Heidelberg College next year, but we shall certainly feel her loss. We wish her joy and success in her new endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

Greta P. Hinkle

	<u>Oct. '50</u>	<u>Jan. '51</u>	<u>Oct. '51</u>	<u>Jan. '52</u>	<u>Oct. '52</u>	<u>Jan. '53</u>
Number of Schools	2,645	2,642	2,642	2,630	2,631	2,635
Nursery - Klein	32%	33.8%	33.3%	32%	31.85%	29.4%
McCallum		3.7%	3.4%	3.8%	3.76%	4%
Lloyd					.34%	.45%
Kindergarten	56%	57%	53.4%	52%	53%	51.2%
Primary	58.8%	58%	55.7%	54.7%	55.87%	54.15%
Junior	52%	52½%	51.3%	50.4%	52%	51.08%
3rd & 4th Grade	1%	1.8%	1.3%	1.4%	.98%	.986%
Junior High	41.8%	42.4%	40.9%	41%	41.58%	40.94%
Senior High	32.6%	33½%	33.1%	33%	33.8%	33.4%
Young People-Adult	29%	31.7%	32.4%	32.8%	33.3%	32.68%
Film Strip	15.9%	17.7%	22.6%	26.5%	24.4%	23.45%
Home Book - Partial Use	5.4%	4.7%	8.4%	9.3%	11.6%	9.33%
Total Use	10.5%	12%	9.8%	8.2%	11.78%	9.26%
Church School Worker	40.4%	42.7%	46.5%	46.4%	50.58%	48.9%
Stories	32%	32.4%	32.7%	31.7%	31%	30.06%
Trailblazer	32%	33%	32.7%	32.6%	31.77%	30.74%
Venture	26.5%	27%	26.6%	26.3%	25.7%	25.12%
Youth	24%	23%	21.4%	22.3%	22.76%	22.16%
Youth Fellowship Kit				13.6%	12.35%	2.73%
Junior High Kit				10.9%	10%	1.56%
Church in the Home	11%	10.8%	11.7%	12%	12.3%	12.07%
Junior Uniform	11.8%	12.7%	13.1%	13.1%	13.07%	12.7%
Intermediate Uniform	14.3%	14.5%	15.4%	14.9%	15.4%	15.2%
Sr.-Y.P. Uniform	16%	17%	17.2%	17.2%	18.2%	18.2%
Adult Uniform	34.5%	32.6%	33.2%	33.4%	34.7%	34.5%
Church & Home thruout	30.7%	34.5%	29.5%	26.7%	27%	23.83%
Church & Home partially (no Uniform)	10.6%	8%	7.3%	10.3%	9.7%	12.18%
Some Church & Home and some Uniform	25.3%	26.3%	27.8%	27.6%	28.35%	27.85%
Uniform but no Church and Home	8%	6%	9.68%	10.34%	10.83%	11.61%
Only Story Papers, Youth Ch.Sch.Worker, Fam. Book	1.6%	1.77%	2.46%	1.9%	3%	3.11%
Using no E. & R.	22.5%	23%	22%	23.3%	20%	20.49%
Using some Church & Home	66.8%	68.9%	64.8%	64.3%	65.18%	63.87%
Regularly using some E&R incl. alternating union schools now using Luth.	76.6%	77%	77.8%	77.7%	80%	79.5%

DEPARTMENT OF LEADERSHIP TRAINING

To the Members of the
Board of Christian Education and Publication:

September 30, 1952 marked the introduction of the Revised Standard Version of the complete Bible, and this occasion gave the opportunity for an interdenominational and denominational emphases in leadership education related to Bible study. Through cooperative planning the leaflet, UNDERSTAND AND USE THE HOLY BIBLE, was made available through the Department of Leadership Education and Church School Administration of the National Council of Churches. This leaflet highlighted thirteen courses from the Standard Leadership Curriculum especially appropriate for parents and teachers. It was distributed through the regular fall mailing and at the fall synod meetings. Attractive posters calling attention to this opportunity were displayed in the denominational book stores in Philadelphia, St. Louis and Cleveland. The results in this special effort are reflected in the increased number of leadership education classes held in local churches during 1952. See the statistical summary of Leadership Training Recognition Granted to "E and R" Students at the end of this report. Applications for those courses still continue to be received.

Fifth National Conference on Christian Education

Though the Fifth National Conference on Christian Education does not take place until June 30 - July 3 of 1953, the major part of the planning for this event occurred in 1952. The Department of Leadership Training was assigned general administrative responsibility and helped to direct the following initial steps of National Conference planning and promotion:

Area meetings of the National Conference Committee of Fifty held at Philadelphia, Pa., Columbus, Ohio, and St. Louis, Mo.

Two series of meetings with executives of Purdue University to lay the basis for a letter of agreement outlining the committee structure necessary to develop and execute the detailed plans for the conference.

Preparation of publicity materials which include blotters, two folders and poster. These printed items carry the conference emblem and theme, Christ - Light for Our Darkness.

Preparation of registration and receipt forms.

Planning of publicity releases in the Messenger and the Church School Worker.

These advance preparations plus the excellent facilities available at Purdue University for seminar groups and large assemblies promise to make the Fifth National Conference the largest and most inspiring Christian education conference in the history of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The Field Worker Serves Your Church

September, 1952 marks the second birthday of the Christian education field worker program. During the year several developments took place which did not alter the basic program but required some major adjustments. Miss Irene Balliet resigned as a field worker to become associate director of the Children's Department. The task of finding a replacement for Miss Balliet proved to be longer and more involved than anticipated. Though many candidates were interviewed, the most frequent objection to the position was the requirement of continual travel and living "out of a suitcase."

Late in the year Miss Johanna Stroetker accepted the position of field worker. She is a graduate of Eden Seminary and was formerly director of Christian education at St. Matthew's Church, Louisville, Ky. She received essential training during the month of December and went out into the field in January, 1953.

Approval for the employment of a third field worker was received from General Council and steps have been taken to interview interested candidates. It is hoped to employ the third field worker soon and place her in the field by the fall.

Churches in eleven synods were served by the field workers during 1952. The synods served were: California, Missouri, Texas, Iowa, Kansas City, Northwest Ohio, West New York, Lancaster, Lehigh, Potomac and South Indiana. An evaluation of their work is best indicated by the many requests which continue to be made for their services. A typical letter of evaluation of the efforts of the field worker follows: "The field worker was able to do great things in our church school and the effect of her presence and help will be seen for some time to come. We, who had close contact with her during her stay here, will never forget her words of wisdom regarding our church schools. Some very fine improvements have been seen and I'm sure others will be coming about in the near future."

To interpret the work of the field worker to churches and synods anticipating her visit a special folder was prepared, The Field Worker Serves Your Church to Improve Total Program of Christian Education. It gives a suggested schedule for the various type meetings to be held from Friday through Wednesday of the next week. Its distribution and use has helped synods and churches to prepare for the coming of the field worker and to make the program more effective during her stay.

In addition to the local church assignments, the field workers served in the summer camp and conference program and at the National Children's Workers' Workshop, Tiffin, Ohio. They also participated in the National Life Camp and the Faribault, Minnesota Laboratory School to gain experiences related to their work and for their personal professional growth.

Services to Directors of Christian Education

Services to directors of Christian education started in 1951 have been continued this year. The card file listing directors, etc., has been kept up to date. Several mailings were made publicizing the Second Annual Meeting of Directors of Christian Education in Evangelical and Reformed Churches, Hotel Sinton, Cincinnati, Ohio, February 9 and 10, 1953.

Planning for the above meeting was done by Anna Astroth, Laura Richardson and Kenneth Bishop at Salem Church, Rochester, New York, on September 16, 1952. A copy of the program for the Second Annual Meeting is attached to this report.

The presentation by Miss Florence Voigt, "The Director of Christian Education in the Evangelical and Reformed Church" is a direct result of action taken at the first annual meeting. This action requested the publication of a pamphlet to define the work of the director of Christian education and his relationships to the pastor, the congregation and the lay leadership. The document is the work of Walter S. Press, pastor of Bethlehem Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Miss Voigt who serves that church as director of Christian education. In the evaluation periods and the work groups the assembled directors suggested changes in the original document. The document will again be reviewed at the Fifth National Conference on Christian Education and then printed later this year.

Actions voted at the business session of the Second Annual Meeting include:

The election of the planning committee for the 1954 meeting. Members are: Florence Voigt, Mary Lou Bischmann, Johanna Stroetker and Dorothy Meussling.

Election of Johanna Stroetker as the official representative of the E. and R. directors for one year.

Two special requests prepared by a committee on resolutions:

We petition General Synod to explore the possibility of placing directors of Christian education and other qualified professional workers in full-time service under the same status as ministers of the church in regard to:

- 1) Care of synod during training
- 2) Approval by the synod board of examiners - proper commissioning service
- 3) Calling of a director on same status as calling of a minister
- 4) Membership in synod

Directors of Christian education and other professional workers performing a ministry in a number of Evangelical and Reformed Churches do not have their names listed in the annual Year Book. We request the Secretary of the Church and the Committee on the Year Book to consider listing their names and addresses, preferably on a separate page of the Year Book.

The proposed publication of "The Director of Christian Education in the Evangelical and Reformed Church" is the attempt to clarify the status of the Director of Christian Education in the local church, the synod, and the denomination. Many of our churches are employing college graduates having an A.B. degree with a major in Christian education. These persons are engaged as parish workers, part-time secretaries, leaders of youth, or other combinations of responsibilities. Though individuals in this group are not able to qualify as directors of Christian education, their employment represents a trend in the denomination. They also constitute a potential source of full-time church workers who with seminary training may qualify to serve as directors of Christian education in the full professional sense of that term. A recommendation relative to this group is offered at the close of this report.

Two publications related to the work of the director of Christian education were made available this year by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches. They are:

The Local Church Director of Christian Education
- 16 pages, price 25¢

The Minister, the Director of Christian Education, and
the Sunday School Superintendent - A TEAM
- 16 pages, price 10¢

These booklets are supplied on request to churches considering the employment of a director of Christian education. They have helped to define the responsibilities of the director and also to orient the congregation and church officers to the work of the director.

Staff Field Program

On the basis of demonstration previews at the 1952 National Conference for Synodical Chairmen a field program was projected for the spring months. The themes for these institutes were: Teachers Plan for the New Quarter, and Parents Teach Religion. The former is based on the suggestion in the Church School Worker, "The Workers' Conference Goes to School." The latter was an actual parents' meeting using one of the units from the Family Life Audio-Visual Kit. Teams composed of staff members and members of the synodical committees on Christian Education worked in Michigan-Indiana, Northern, Iowa, Northwest Ohio, and Reading Synods. In addition, several members of the staff conducted special five-day programs in churches of New York Synod.

National Christian Teaching Mission

During 1952 the department continued its policy of stimulating interest in National Christian Teaching Missions and enlisting churches and guest leaders in the program. Several set-up meetings were held under the leadership of the director at Irvington, New Jersey upon the request of Dr. Harry Kalas. Due to the highly complex nature of this suburban community and the low ratio of Protestant population to total population this Mission has not been held to date. Rev. W. F. Reif, pastor of Emanuel Evangelical and Reformed Church, Irvington, New Jersey, took an

active part in these sessions and worked to promote interest in the Mission program on the part of clergy and laymen.

Churches participating in the following Missions were assisted by the department:

Marshfield, Wisconsin
Wilkes-Barre, Penna.
Hamburg, New York

Leadership Training and Church School Administration Publications

Materials printed by the Board of Christian Education and Publication during 1952 in the field of leadership education and church school administration include:

The Field Worker Serves Your Church

Fifth National Conference - Information folder
Seminar Guide
Poster
Blotter
Registration Cards - Part-time
and full-time

Materials prepared and printed in 1951 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches and distributed by the department include:

Understand and Use the Holy Bible
Prescription for Good Teaching
The Local Church Director of Christian Education
The Minister, the Director of Christian Education, and
the Sunday School Superintendent - A TEAM
Your Church Library

Home Study Courses

The three Home Study courses currently available continue to enjoy a limited use. During 1952 fifty-one persons enrolled in these courses. The corrected study outlines indicate that the persons who enroll and complete the work gain much from the home study experience.

Typical of persons reached is Mrs. Wallace Dettmann of Judson, North Dakota. Mrs. Dettmann is a teacher of the kindergarten class and leads the opening devotions in the Sunday School. She enrolled in two of the courses, "How to Teach in the Church School" and "You Can Read the Bible." When the completed study outlines were received in the office they included a series of questions raised by Mrs. Dettmann about her work and interpretation of the course. To help her find satisfactory answers to these concerns, books were sent from the Service Library. It is this type of individual direction made possible through the Home Study courses which justifies its continued use for people who have few leadership education opportunities.

Leadership Education Audio-Visual Kit

The Leadership Education Audio-Visual Kit containing ten filmstrip units in teacher training was introduced in the fall of 1950 and widely distributed and used throughout the denomination during 1951. Since then its units have been used advantageously in workers' conferences, leadership training classes, college and seminary classes, church leaders' workshops, and summer conferences. It continues to receive promotion through utilization suggestions in the Church School Worker and the International Journal of Religious Education. The May 1952 issue of the latter publication, a special issue on Developing Volunteer Leadership, made particular reference to the LEAV Kit.

The Board of Christian Education and Publication originally invested \$1500.00 in the project to produce the LEAV Kit. This initial amount has now been returned, and there remain surplus funds to be distributed to the participating denominations.

Up to the present time the LEAV Kit has been sold as a unit, and individual filmstrips were not available for purchase. By recent vote of the Production Committee, the LEAV Kit will now be released for sale in denominational bookstores for \$94.50. The separate units of the kit will also be sold separately starting July 1, 1953. Churches or synods who plan to purchase the kit should do so before July 1 to take advantage of the present introductory prices of \$65.00 for the 33-1/3 RPM records and \$75.00 for the 78 RPM records. Following July 1 the sale of separate units should make possible a much wider use of certain units of the kit.

Leadership Training Statistics

The attached report, Leadership Training Recognition Granted to E and R Students, includes several significant trends which may be noted. In recent years the total number of credits issued had continued to decrease, often times at an alarming rate. For the first time in the last four years this trend has changed. The 1952 total of 1776 is a slight increase over the comparable 1951 total of 1755. This slight increase is more significant when one analyzes its composition.

For work in local church classes and denominational schools the 1952 total of 624 is a definite increase over the 1951 figure of 358. This reflects the continuous promotion of leadership classes in local churches and also the special emphasis described in the opening paragraph of this report. Numerous classes are also held in churches, and course credit is not requested. It may be reasonable to conclude that more non-credit classes were held during 1952 than in the previous year.

The definite decline in credit for work in summer schools and camps has continued, and for 1952 no credits were issued. In most cases the Church Leaders' Workshops replaced the summer Leadership Training Schools. Since the workshop programs were more informal and

in some cases of short duration (3 to 4 days) no credit was issued. Three of the Church Leaders' Workshops proved successful. One had to be cancelled because of small enrollment. The challenge of interesting adult church leaders in educational opportunities in the summer camp and conference program must be faced. The establishment of well-planned and publicized Church Leaders' Workshops on college campuses may be an answer.

In the tabulation of credits certified to us by the Division of Christian Education it is rewarding to see a small increase in the total. This category has been declining in recent years and 1952 represents a reversal of this trend.

A tabulation of credits awarded to Evangelical and Reformed students in interdenominational leadership schools in the various states of the country show these states in the lead:

	<u>First Series</u>	<u>Second Series</u>
Illinois	14	57
Indiana	33	23
Iowa	45	21
Missouri	52	33
Ohio	52	93
Pennsylvania	143	267

This report also records two Evangelical and Reformed church workers in Germany receiving course credit.

A survey of the 1952 Leadership Training Statistics (see attached report) reveals the continuation of the improvement shown last year. With approximately the same number of churches reporting, the totals exceed those of 1951 in all cases. The largest increase is shown in the number of churches reporting representation in Camps and Summer Schools. This reflects the increased enrollments in the summer programs, especially in the Junior and Junior High Camps. It is also encouraging to note the continued increase in the number of churches reporting Workers' Conferences. This increase is especially significant because of the sizable increase in this category reported in 1951.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 1) Persons with an A.B. degree with a major in Christian Education who serve churches as parish workers, youth leaders, secretaries, assistant to the pastor, or a combination of these responsibilities be considered Assistants in Christian Education.

- 2) The service to directors of Christian education be extended to the Assistants in Christian Education to further their professional growth and encourage them to take training to qualify as full professional workers.
- 3) The Board of Christian Education and Publication support the requests of the directors of Christian education made at their 1953 Annual Meeting by sending the requests to the proper body or officer of the Church for action.

Many thanks are due Miss Jeannette Patterson for her efforts in making the work of the department proceed smoothly and effectively. Appreciation should also be expressed to Miss Miriam Dobbins and Mrs. Florence Hunsberger for their willing cooperation during the period of Miss Patterson's illness.

Respectfully submitted,

Loren Walters

Field Work

In local churches	29 days
With synodical committees	8 days
Denominational	52 days
Interdenominational	29 days

Field Work and Committee Responsibilities:

Christian Education Institutes

Member of teams in
 Northwest Ohio Synod
 Northern Synod

Denominational assignments

National Conference of Synodical Chairmen
 Lancaster Seminary Class
 Market Heights Community Church, Canton, Ohio
 Trinity Church, Deer Park, Cincinnati, Ohio
 Fifth National Conference Committee of Fifty, Columbus, Ohio
 Mensch Mill Conference on Christian Education
 Children's Workers' Workshop, Tiffin, Ohio
 Church Leaders' Workshop, Dunkirk, New York and
 Mission House, Plymouth, Wisconsin
 Fifth National Conference Planning at Purdue
 University, Lafayette, Indiana
 Akron, Ohio Area Workshop
 Curriculum Conference, Schwenksville, Pa.

Interdenominational responsibilities

Set-up meeting, National Christian Teaching
 Mission, Irvington, New Jersey
 Philadelphia Area Film Evaluation Committee
 Laboratory School Standard Committee
 Executive Committee, Committee on Leadership Education
 Committee on Curriculum Guide - Division of
 Christian Education
 Audio-Visual Workshop, Green Lake, Wis.
 Revised Standard Version Bible Observance - Emmaus, Pa.
 Audio-Visual Conference, Buck Hill Falls.

Leadership Training Recognition Granted to "E and R" Students

	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
For work in local church classes and denominational schools			
First Series	506	266	424
Second Series	201	92	200
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	707	358	624
Home Study Courses			
51 in circulation			
First Series credits issued	23	12	8
Second Series credits issued	2	5	4
For work in summer schools and camps			
First Series	480	284	0
Second Series	--	14	0
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	480	298	0
Certified to us by the Division of Christian Education			
First Series	370	296	412
Second Series	803	786	728
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	1173	1082	1140
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Total credits awarded	2385	1755	1776
First Certificate of Progress	25	8	0
Second Certificate of Progress		2	6
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	25	10	6

1952 LEADERSHIP TRAINING STATISTICS - EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH

SYNODS	Churches Reporting	Churches with Training Classes	Churches with Students taking Home Study Courses	Churches with Students in Community Schools	Churches Represented in Camps and Summer Schools	Churches reporting Workers' Conference Totals
California	15	4	-	3	7	11
Central Penna.	72	9	1	11	19	15
Dakota	21	-	-	-	2	1
East Penna.	52	1	1	7	4	13
Iowa	62	6	1	7	19	30
Kansas City	55	6	2	17	21	31
Lancaster	66	14	1	20	29	31
Lehigh	62	6	-	17	22	20
Magyar	33	10	-	5	8	9
Mercersburg	80	1	-	26	34	35
Michigan-Indiana	63	10	1	19	30	33
Missouri Valley	84	15	1	30	27	38
Nebraska	36	5	1	4	14	20
New York	22	7	-	6	8	14
Northeast Ohio	45	9	2	15	21	28
Northern	53	5	1	6	18	19
North Illinois	80	13	-	13	26	42
Northwest Ohio	77	11	-	16	29	33
North Wisconsin	46	7	-	5	17	10
Pacific Northwest	15	4	-	5	7	10
Philadelphia	62	6	1	28	39	37
Pittsburgh	126	11	1	28	50	47
Potomac	69	5	-	19	33	33
Reading	87	5	2	29	33	43
Rocky Mountain	18	6	1	-	3	8
Southeast Ohio	58	5	-	17	21	25
Southern	60	8	-	15	36	35
South Illinois	72	8	4	23	26	40
South Indiana	75	10	1	24	34	40
Southwest Ohio	72	7	2	21	27	28
South Wisconsin	55	6	1	8	15	24
Susquehanna	49	5	2	12	14	10
Texas	44	5	2	5	15	21
West New York	42	1	-	14	23	22
Totals . . . 1928	231	29	475	731	856	2322

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

Directors of Christian Education -- Evangelical and Reformed Church
 Hotel Sinton -- Cincinnati, Ohio
 February 9 and 10, 1953

Monday, Feb. 9

- 9:00 A.M. Breakfast -- Let's Get Acquainted
 Coffee Shop, Hotel Sinton -- No reservation necessary
- 10:30 Registration
- 11:00 Worship -- Dorothy Meussling, St. Matthew's and St. Peter's Church,
 Detroit, Michigan
- 11:15 To Help the Director Serve Better -- Lee J. Gable, Theological
 Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.
- 11:45 Questions -- Discussion
- 12:15 Adjourn
- 2:00 P.M. The Director of Christian Education in the Evangelical and Reformed
 Church -- Florence Voigt, Bethlehem Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- 2:45 Evaluation of the Above report
 Laura Richardson - St. John's Church, Mansfield, Ohio
 Jennie Steinmetz - St. John's Church, Shamokin, Pa.
 Johanna Stroetker - Field Work Staff, Phila., Pa.
- 3:30 Recess
- 3:45 Work Groups
 1. Relations with other people on church staff
 2. Status - financial, tenure, job security
 3. Opportunities for director's own personal development
- 4:30 Summary -- Loren Walters, Board of Christian Education, Phila., Pa.
- 5:00 Adjourn
- 6:30 Fellowship Dinner - Syrian-American Restaurant
 Toastmistress - Laura Richardson
- 8:00 Field-trip -- St. John's Evangelical Congregational Church,
 Park and Nelson Place, Newport, Ky.

Tuesday, Feb. 10

- 9:00 A.M. Devotions -- Dorothy Meussling
- 9:10 Status of the Director of Christian Education in the Evangelical and
 Reformed Church - F.I. Sheeder, Board of Christian Education, Phila., Pa.
- 10:00 We Did It This Way -- Lucille Frost, Plymouth Congregational Church,
 Fort Wayne, Indiana
- 11:00 Business Session -- Election of committee to plan 1954 meeting
- 11:30 Deepening Our Spiritual Resources -- Mary Lou Bischmann, St. John's
 Church, Columbus, Ohio
- 12:00 Adjourn

COOPERATIVE COUNCIL OF MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Our Church cannot free itself of its obligation to the great cause of missions and remain a church. During the past twelve months more requests for missionary emphasis and materials have come to us than ever before. The constant inflow of these requests has been an incentive to make us do our best.

From January 12 to February 14 Mrs. Schroer and I visited Honduras to become acquainted with the life and task of the evangelical church there. This gave us an opportunity to become more keenly aware of the problems the Church faces there, as well as the progress that has been made during the 32 years of the existence of our missionary effort in Honduras. One of the great needs of this field is Christian literature created by nationals. Our missionaries, for some reason or other, have not become aware of the splendid materials being produced by our Board of Christian Education and Publication. The Church and Home Series materials should be placed into the hands of our missionaries as resource materials so that when the workers find sections that could be used, if translated into Spanish, they might avail themselves of them. Perhaps the Board of Christian Education and Publication in cooperation with the Board of International Missions can work out a plan whereby their materials can be supplied to our Honduran missionaries.

Ministers, teachers and missionaries opened the avenues for us to see all areas of mission work in Honduras. In order that the church at home might see what we saw, we returned with approximately 500 Kodachrome slides and nearly 800 black and white negatives. These will be made available for all the church publications and other avenues of promotion as quickly as possible. We sent the February issue of World Neighbor News from Honduras to all our ministers in the Evangelical and Reformed Church and to all participating groups, a total of 3500 copies. Some of the teachers and pupils in the Normal School in San Pedro Sula and some of the missionaries helped to assemble the letter and stuff the envelopes for sending out the letter. We are grateful to them for this help.

PRINTED MATERIALS CREATED

Fliers for children:

Our Friends in Africa - - - - -	20,000	Dec. 15, 1952
Our Friends in India (Reprint) - - -	20,000	Jan. 1953
Vacation Church School(Reprint) - - -	10,000	Nov. 1952
Our Friends in Ecuador(Reprint) - - -	20,000	Jan. 1953
All Are World Neighbors (Reprint) - -	10,000	Nov. 1952
Jobs for Juniors - - - - -	6,000	May 1952
Projects for Primaries - - - - -	6,000	May 1952
Our Friends in Japan (Reprint with new pictures) - - - - -	10,000	Dec. 31, 1952
Pedro in Honduras (Reprint) - - - -	15,000	Dec. 1952

Books

No books were printed, but pictures and materials are now being assembled from the various mission fields to create a book for youth on our denominational emphasis, presenting "The Life and Task of the World Church." This will provide supplementary materials for the 1953 missionary education theme. Every effort is being made to have it ready for General Synod and the Purdue Conference.

World Neighbor News

The May issue contained materials especially usable for Daily Vacation Bible School. The September issue contained the new Winnebago Indian flier and "What Can We Do?" folder listing special gifts for our national missions. The December issue contained Christmas stories from other lands and introduced medical personnel sent to the various fields in 1952 by the Board of International Missions. The February issue, as stated above, was devoted to and sent from Honduras.

Cash contributions for World Neighbors for 1952 amounted to \$4,983.96.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION KIT FOR CHILDREN

Forty complete kits containing enlargements, cut-outs, Lord's Prayer in different languages and in Braille, maps and a picture of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, were created and sent to each synodical children's worker, who will be responsible to arrange with all the local church leaders in her synod for its use. The response has been good. Some of the churches that used it have sent in special contributions for missions together with a request to become members of the World Neighbor Fellowship although no such request is made directly.

DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARY EDUCATION MATERIALS

1. For the first all-church project "Come, Then Thankful People Come" our office assembled and sent out more than 450 packets.
2. Our office assembled and sent out approximately 400 packets for the "Words of Hope for the World" all-church project.

Sale of books - During the year the Council has sold books through schools of missions, summer camps, mail orders and directly from the office to the sum of \$3,085.97, of which \$728.90 was sold at camps. This is more than any other year. This service is rendered for the primary purpose to place missionary materials into the hands of our people.

SERVICE LIBRARY

Our library is predominantly missionary. No attempt has been made to include other books in the field of Christian education. This February our office has again checked and sent a complete list of all

books in the library and thus collaborated with the librarian in Philadelphia in order to help compile a complete list of books for the publication of the new catalogue.

SUMMER SCHOOLS, CAMPS AND MISSIONARY CONFERENCES

During the summer of 1952 missionaries or teachers of missions were sent to 85 camps. As in other years an adequate packet of new teaching materials on the current missions theme were sent to each teacher. We urged each teacher to use the best methods in presenting missions within the working program of the camp.

SCHOOLS OF MISSIONS

A major part of my field work has been that of setting up schools of missions. From February 7 to June 1, 1952, a series of schools of missions was conducted in the four Synods in Ohio. All areas were contacted, 30 schools were held, 202 churches in Ohio participated. With the cooperation of our missionaries on furlough, it was a venture that has made an impact upon the Church in Ohio.

On our way home from Honduras we conducted special mission emphasis programs in Texas. Under the direction of the national and international committee of Texas Synod, we spent 17 days in that area speaking 55 times and traveling 1,950 miles. We carried missionary education books and display materials in our car. The full-sized photographs of Christian Baeta, Gurbachan Singh, Don Martin Rodriguez and Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa created much interest everywhere.

DISPLAY

A display 30 feet long and 8 feet high was created for the National Men's Brotherhood Convention held in Frederick, Maryland last August and for the National Youth Conference held in Webster Groves soon after. It contained 11"x 14" photographic enlargements portraying work in all our fields and national missions, colorful descriptions and pictures of the current missionary books, curios, the four above-mentioned life-sized photographs and a national missions church. It made an imposing exhibit which has been used a good many times since at synodical and regional meetings upon request. The men have traveled with us to Nebraska, New Orleans and Texas and will go to California. They have stood in sanctuaries, church basements, parish halls and high schools, always creating much interest and being an opening to explain the lives of these world Christians.

DESK WORK

This is always directed towards that of making missions a vital part of the church program. Even though I was out of the office for 50 days while in Honduras and Texas, Mrs. William J. Kennel, my office secretary, did a commendable job in carrying on and attending to all details efficiently in the office.

It has been a year of much work, which has required careful budgeting and time, but the challenge of missionary education and the many doors that have been opened have made the work worthwhile. It has been a joy to serve in the many and various capacities with which the work of missionary education has directed me. Whatever happens to the Cooperative Council of Missionary Education is inconsequential compared to the great cause we serve. The cause must never fail nor its calls and challenges go unanswered.

Respectfully submitted,

Gilbert W. Schroer,

Director

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S WORK

To the Members of the
Board of Christian Education and Publication:

FROM THOSE IN WHOSE BEHALF WE SERVE

EXCERPTS FROM A BOOK BY JENNIFER OWSLEY (almost eleven)

"Dear Kids:

"This book is written for the purpose of helping you to understand adults and get along with them better.

"I think there are too many books for adults about understanding children. Adults have been children before, so they should know something about children. But we have never been adults and don't know anything about them except what we can notice.

"The world belongs to adults. They make it the way it is and run it. If you want to know about the world, you have to know about adults. That is why I have decided to try the brain-breaking job of writing this book for you. I hope you will like it.

"The more adults you get to know, the more you realize each one is different. Adults are not just big children. They think and act differently. One of the reasons for this is that when you grow up you get larger and can reach higher places, and so you can do different things. For instance, when you were four you probably couldn't see over the edge of the kitchen sink. When you get bigger you can see right down into it. So you know what washing dishes is like. This is fun at first.

"Teachers are the most important adults to know about of all. They know the things you want to know and are supposed to help you get to know them, too.

"Religion is what adults have when they get together and agree about God. Religions mostly have churches so they can meet and take up collections, and so on.

"Some people think about God the way they do about Santa Claus. They know Santa Claus is magic, but they want their children to think he is real and they are mad if you tell their children he is magic. The kind of adults that I think are the easiest to talk to are the kind that do not think it will bother God any for the children to think their own thoughts. But this kind is scarcer than the others. You had better keep your mouth shut until you know what kind of an adult you are talking to, until you understand more about religion than I do.

"Writing this book was fun, but I seem to have gotten more mixed up as I went on. This is probably because I kept growing up myself all the time. Sometimes I hate being so young, and sometimes I act childish on purpose. Maybe when I am grown up I will still have some childish feelings underneath. Maybe growing up doesn't ever get quite finished."

AND THE CHILDREN REPLIED: In answer to five questions which we posed through five Synodical Children's Workers. (Each sentence is the reply of a different child.)

1. Why I go to church school?

Kindergarten: Because I like God.

Primary: Because we always go and I want to learn. To learn to be a good person. To learn about God and how He created the earth. To learn songs. To learn more about Jesus. To learn Bible verses. I like to come. To pray and be with friends. I like to color, read, look at books, sing.

Junior: Because all my friends go. I enjoy studying about the Bible with the rest of the class. I enjoy the songs we sing. I enjoy reading the Trailblazer. I find the Bible stories very interesting. I like the songs we sing. I enjoy making new friends who have the same interests as I do.

2. Why I sometimes don't like to go.

Kindergarten: Sometimes I feel sick when I go to church.

Primary: When it snows I want to play in the snow and make snowballs. I want to play and run. I like to stay at home and play alone when my brother is not there. I don't feel well. Because I want to do something else. When I forget to read the lesson, I don't like to go. When it's raining. I'm too tired in the morning.

Junior: When we are out late on Saturday night and I am tired. Mostly want to go. Sometimes I don't like to go because I get tired in church.

3. What I wonder about most.

Primary: I wonder if any one lives on the other planets, especially Mars. I wonder how birds and animals feel and if they can really talk to one another. Why they give us papers with things to do and not put it on the papers with the stories, it would save money. How does God get to heaven. Also, I wonder if the wars will stop. I wonder about God and dream about Him. I wonder how Jesus could have rolled out under that big stone at Easter. I think most about what God is doing. I wonder about church. Cannot imagine what God "looks" like.

Junior: I write letters to a girl in England and I wonder how it would feel to live in England or any place else in the world. I wonder why a fellow has to go to school and learn, but I really know the answer. I wonder what is happening on the other side of the world, what people are doing, but I wouldn't want to live there. I wonder mostly about living forever and also about the beginning of

everything. I wonder about how the Bible started, and I wonder about God and Jesus, what they are like. How God put man on earth.

4. What I do when I pray and why I pray.

Primary: Talk with God because He can help me to be a better boy. Fold my hands, close my eyes and bow my head to thank Him for everything He has given me. I pray when I go to bed that God will keep me safe 'till morning. I pray for God to help me. Also, I want it to be true what I pray about (to bless my friends, help people get well, and to help stop wars). Ask God to forgive you when you do something wrong. Thank God for my food. I thank God for my home and all the nice things I have.

Junior: I think about God and ask Him to help me get better and go home again. I ask God to give us a peaceful world. (When questioned further he said because his father had been in the last war and he didn't want him to go again.) When I pray I talk with God to help me out of trouble. When I pray, I try to feel as if I were talking to God. I pray because I feel as if I need to talk with God. I always kneel when I pray before going to bed every night. I pray to tell God how thankful I am for my home, country, school, church, and teachers and I want to ask God forgiveness of my sins. I bow my head and thank Him for my food, friends, parents, rain, sunshine, and my wonderful teachers in school.

5. What I think about the church.

Primary: They put a lot of money in the place; only church in town with chimes; honor God by putting all that money in the church; it's where we think about God. It's a nice place to go when you don't know anything about God. Pretty to worship in. Think of them as friends and we all come to worship God. Think of it as a place of prayer. I do not like to go to church after Sunday school because it is too long. I like church but not after Sunday school. Think about God in church and that it's wonderful. I like the church and it's the nicest place to find to go.

Junior: It's all right. Wonderful! The church is very necessary in the community. I go to church services almost every Sunday, but I feel they are for the adults because I find it hard to understand. I think the church is the place to learn about God and Jesus. I think the church is the best place to worship and learn about God. My best friends go there too.

In commenting on the queries one Synodical Children's Worker wrote: "That was fun! Evidently both the principal of the primary and junior departments introduce prayer with 'Let us bow our heads, close our eyes and fold our hands,' for three of the children gave identical replies." Another wrote: "In reading over the answers, I noticed some of them were quite good and true to the character of the child speaking -- 'Cannot imagine what God looks like' has been one of Norma's greatest problems. How often when I was her teacher did she ask, 'Why can't we see God,' 'If Joseph is Jesus' father, then what is God to him?' 'What does God look like?' She thinks very much in those realms. A teacher really has to think fast and be well experienced to keep up with her kind. Just yesterday a lady told me, 'I'll teach the little ones because I've never taught before

and you don't need to know much to teach them.' How sadly mistaken she is."

It is in behalf of children and teachers such as these that the Department of Children's Work plans and works, prays and acts, overwhelmed by what might come to pass if for one generation we could see children as Jesus saw them and worked with them as God planned.

FACTS IN FIGURES

Baptized in 1951.....	28,320
(Nursery Roll)	
Church School Enrollment 1951.....	476,748
(approximately 1/3 may be children)	
Juniors in Camp 1952.....	1,828

Vacation Church Schools - show a steady increase 1948-1951

<u>Denominational</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>
No. of Schools	442	578	554
No. of Pupils	26,552	34,641	17,677
<u>Interdenominational</u>			
No. of Schools	495	593	664
No. of Pupils	12,672	17,601	41,155

Children's Division Leaders reported..... 2,211
 Births in the United States 1952..... 3,850,000
 1950 Census figures show 53.3% increase in the 0-5 year age group.
 23.5% increase in the 5-10 year age group.

while the rate in national increase as a whole is 14.5%.

Boys and girls who are not in any church school..... 17,500,000
 50% of the Cub Scouts are unchurched

The Philadelphia area alone has 5,000 cases of dependent children.
 One county, Mecklenburg in North Carolina has about 3,500 broken family cases yearly reviewed in domestic relations court.

"The child" still stands in the midst of American civilization pleading to be housed, fed, loved and guided. The church of today must serve the child's needs better than ever before.

THE TIFFIN WORKSHOP SPEAKS THROUGH PEOPLE AND ACTIVITIES

The spirit of a child is either imprisoned or released by the adult world which surrounds him. Our task is largely with teachers and parents who must grow into fuller realization of the creative way of a God-centered life. This search for fuller, richer teaching experience led to Tiffin Workshops. The delegates returned to their home synods with a good deal of enthusiasm, many new ideas and a determination to repeat the Tiffin pattern wherever and whenever possible.

REPORTS

"I received a glowing letter from Mrs. Marguerite Stone, our delegate to Tiffin from the Kansas City Synod.....She said, 'It would have taken me years to have gained the knowledge, training and experience I obtained in one week at Tiffin.' May I add my sincere thanks to all of you who made it possible for us to have this splendid opportunity of training.....it was truly one of my great experiences."--Mrs. Karl Baur, Kansas City Synod.

Another delegate reported to her church:

"Last month 95 members of our churches from across the United States, representing 30 synods with 27 Synodical leaders and 29 other consultants (we had four fellowship delegates with us) met at Heidelberg College for a week of much serious thought and planning. We enjoyed wonderful fellowship and had a lot of fun.

"Now a workshop is a comparatively new idea. We are well acquainted with camps and conferences, but a workshop is different. Although our workshop was all planned as to specific demonstration schools and classification of concern groups, the content and work of the groups grew out of the problems of participants. At a workshop the problems which the group needs to solve are considered more important than what the leader might have originally planned. The relations are informal; democracy prevails rather than dictation; consultants or specialists are available. The needs are stated and thoroughly analyzed and all work as a group towards a tentative conclusion or solution.

"The week closed with an inspiring consecration service and as we left, we knew that this was just the beginning of our having a greater share in the work of the church. We knew that the fellowship we had enjoyed during the week would grow; as would the knowledge we acquired and the skills we developed. We left with a clearer vision of the work of the Kingdom of God as yet undone, and a keener awareness of our individual responsibility to the task.

"In closing, I think we ought to consider just what all this means to the local church. First, as teachers and parents we are all a part of this great fellowship. It is a bit overwhelming to realize that so many people who have never seen our children, love them and work earnestly for them to grow in the Christian way of life. Our leaders are never satisfied with what has been done, but are always seeking to improve methods and materials. They have dedicated their lives to serving children that little ones might learn of Him who said, 'Let the children come; of such is the Kingdom of heaven.' But they cannot do the work alone. Parents must be concerned about the spiritual growth of their children and Christian family life. When the interest of the parent meets the efforts of the leaders, the life of a child can take on new meaning!"--Naomi Steele, Delegate to Tiffin Workshop, 1952.

SYNODICAL CHILDREN'S WORKERS AT WORK

The follow-up of the workshop is an exciting one with correspondence, area meetings, skillshops, panel discussions and quarterly institutes. Here's a word picture of what happened in some synods.

California. A workshop in southern region. 40 in attendance. Two of the women from northern California who had been at Tiffin helped the three of us (the Szabos and me). Held demonstration classes. Discussed visual aids. Presented materials for the October-December 1952 quarter. Closed with consecration service.

--Mrs. John Flucke

East Pennsylvania. Workshop. Several visits to local churches on the Church and Home Series. Conducted a quarterly institute for nursery and kindergarten work in Lehigh Synod.--Arlene Laubach

Kansas City. Three skillshops with Leona Poppe's help. Three alone. Many requests for visits to local churches.--Mrs. Karl Baur

Lancaster. Held a skillshop.--Rev. Elden Spangler

Mercersburg. Three area conferences. Included information on the fall and winter Church and Home Series, methods and skills in guiding children in Christian growth.--Mrs. H. Dewey Heberlig

Michigan-Indiana. Leadership Training Week-end Retreat. Age group conferences. 68 in attendance.--Mrs. Paul Schulz

Missouri Valley Two conferences on children's work for all workers with children - teachers, parents, pastors, superintendents and children's division leaders. Included demonstration classes, workers' conference, preview of filmstrips "Pedro of Honduras" and "The Bible Through the Centuries." 550 present representing 61 churches.--Mrs. Ernest Nolte

Northern. Three parents and teacher's conferences.--Mrs. Henry Radloff.

North Illinois. Two fellowship meetings for children's division leaders.--Mrs. Frank Bell.

Northwest Ohio. One meeting for pastors, their wives, church school superintendents and children's division leaders. We stressed methods of teaching, the value of leadership training. A number of people not using Church and Home Series studied it carefully and asked many questions. Results -- 34 out of 74 churches represented; 24 out of 65 pastors attended; about 175 people attended in all. Six or seven churches that seldom attend synodical meetings were represented.--Mary Adair.

North Wisconsin. Two conferences. Wausau Region, 56 attended. Florence Hefner and Christine Krueger did outstanding work. We certainly learned a great deal and since most of us came together it was a real benefit to us personally. Our members on Synodical Committee on Christian Education were enthusiastic workers and present for all work assigned them.

Kiel, September 28th, an enthusiastic and attentive group of 168 registered. Rev. Duchow's closing meditation was very appropriate and a good challenging message to send us on our way. It made us feel as if we had the most important job in the world and it was up to us to make every minute count so that each child will have the very best to nurture his religious growth. The workshops were a direct outgrowth from Tiffin. I really felt as if those of us present were on the mountain top and that we just had to share these experiences with those at home.--Mrs. V. L. Zimmerman.

Pittsburgh. Six meetings in September. Included departmental meetings in nursery, kindergarten, primary and junior work; preview of October-December materials. Special features of the Church and Home curriculum, including audio visual aids.--Mrs. Howard Swan

Southeast Ohio. Two workshops: October 5 and November 2 with 10 churches out of 32 represented at October meeting--Mrs. Arthur Harsh

South Illinois. Two area meetings. Made excellent use of the lesson materials. The Tiffin delegates worked hard to show all the activities suggested for fall, as had been done at Tiffin. We all took the subject of "The Bible for Use With".....and as found in the quarter's sessions; we each taught one lesson using the lesson preparation sheets.

A circulating library is a project being sponsored by the Committee on Christian Education of South Illinois Synod.--Mrs. Fred W. Weinel

Susquehanna. Two area meetings on The Church and Home. 58 present at first meeting. -- Miss Rose Keim.

NEW RESOURCES DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF TIFFIN WORKSHOP

Reports from the various work groups were mimeographed and circulated to all the delegates. Some of the reports have been printed: The Nursery Department Gets to Work; A Most Important Occasion; Leadership in the Nursery, others still to be edited and printed.

Several special day cards are being developed, namely "A Child Is Born, Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy" for parents when child is born and cards for the first three birthdays.

A series of leaflets are in the making for the kindergarten leaders.

Pictures and script on The Children's Charter were evaluated with a final writing by Dorothea Pflug at the Audio Visual Workshop.

Experimental materials for through-the-week. Junior Weekday Activity Packet mentioned later was started at the workshop.

NEXT MEETING OF THE NATIONAL CABINET

For the past two years the National Cabinet of Synodical Children's Workers met at the June workshop. Their planning period was in connection with the meeting of committee chairmen. This year the planning meeting will follow the Purdue Conference.

The National Cabinet, being composed of adults has not requested a consulting membership. However, with the Cabinet's increasing responsibilities we of the department would like to,

Recommend: That the Board invite our seminary professors of Christian Education to serve as consultants to the Cabinet ~~granting~~ the department the privilege of requesting help from age group specialists, or specialists in specific interests helpful to children's workers.

PROJECTED SECTIONAL WORKSHOPS

At the recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Cabinet, careful thought was given to a frequently expressed need of bringing something like unto the Tiffin Workshop closer to local children's workers. A national workshop whets the appetite but does not satisfy the hunger.

A tentative schedule and program for such workshops was considered and the Executive Committee of the National Cabinet suggests:

1952 - Tiffin Workshop

1953 - Gathering of Children's Workers at Purdue

1954 - Popular sectional workshops for children's workers (non delegated, open to all)

A. Southern section -- Texas, Missouri Valley Synods
Possible meeting place -- Dallas, Texas.

B. North Central Section -- Northern, Nebraska, Dakota, Iowa, North Wisconsin, South Wisconsin, North Illinois, South Illinois Synods
Possible meeting place -- Mission House

1955 - National Children's Workers Workshop

The National Workshop for selected, delegated persons related to the Synodical Children's Worker and her task in the synod. The National Workshop is placed at intervals so that continued growth of key leaders might be stimulated.

1956 - Popular sectional workshops

C. Western section -- California, Rocky Mountain, Pacific Northwest Synods.
Someone in the western area to help find a meeting place.

D. Central section -- Northwest Ohio, Northeast Ohio, Southeast Ohio, Southwest Ohio, Michigan-Indiana, South Indiana Synods
Possible meeting place -- Heidelberg College

E. Atlantic Coast Section -- West New York, New York, Potomac, Southern and the nine Pennsylvania synods
Possible meeting place -- Hood or Ursinus College

1957 - National Conference on Christian Education

1958 - Repeat popular sectional workshops in A and B sections

1959 - National Children's Workers Workshop

1960 - Repeat popular sectional workshops in C. D. and E. sections

In consultation with the Department of Camps and Summer Schools, it seemed that these workshops could be placed sometime in August when most camps are over and folks are beginning to prepare for the fall work in the church school. (Is August late for this?) Also, at that time vacation church schools no longer cut the attendances at such conferences. The final date however would be decided by the Synodical Children's Workers.

A tentative program was projected. The Executive Committee felt that the laboratory school must be an essential part of the planning. The class in laboratory school would start Monday morning with age group leaders and children. Registration for the delegates would also begin on Monday morning. (This might be changed to Sunday afternoon since most delegates would be within driving distance of the workshop.)

The delegates program would start Monday afternoon with Bible study, go through the afternoon period with a regular period for interest groups. The Monday evening program would be a period of orientation and fun session for the specific purpose of getting acquainted. Tuesday morning observers would meet the demonstration teachers immediately after breakfast and after another short period of orientation would stay through the morning session until lunch time. Observers would thus spend an entire morning with teachers and pupils.

The Bible study hour is tentatively scheduled for the afternoon session. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning would provide the same kind of observation possibilities while afternoon periods following the Bible study hour would pick up interest groups. Evening meetings would feature "surprise packets" filled with potential program ideas for the coming year. This kind of program it was felt would take to the local area the kind of help that local church children's workers are needing.

This is almost like a ten year program, but at the workshops questions have been asked about the possibility of area workshops. The Executive Committee felt that it would be wise to project a series as such so that Synodical Children's Workers could plan in advance to help their groups take full advantage of such opportunities.

This suggested plan developed by the Executive Committee of the National Cabinet was presented to the Board on January 5, 1953. It met with the approval of the Board's Executive Committee. We therefore,

Recommend: The acceptance of the plan for sectional children's workers workshops as outlined by the Cabinet's Executive Committee.

DEMONSTRATION CENTERS

For some time, Synodical Children's Workers have talked about the possibility of establishing demonstration centers within a synod. These are to be a part of a local church group and a year-round service.

While serving as field worker, Irene Balliet and Jean Harsh considered possibilities in a Wooster, Ohio church for a demonstration center. It did not work out since we could not follow through with necessary services to them. But we feel that with an associate director the department can now expand its services to develop demonstration centers within the synod.

It is quite possible that these demonstration centers should be developed at churches served or recommended by a field worker in consultation with Synodical Children's Workers.

Much thought needs to be given to the establishment of such centers. They might begin with the seminaries who through their professors of Christian education have already expressed interest in such an approach. Certainly they are going to be developed in cooperation with the Department of Leadership Training.

- Should all age groups be observed at one center?
- Should some centers approximate various settings?
- Should a synod provide separate centers for each age group?
- What standards must a church meet to become such a center?
- What local leadership would be necessary?
- What should it be called -- demonstration, observation, learning by doing or Christian service center?

These questions and others will be considered at the next Cabinet meeting. The directors would appreciate comments and questions from the Board.

PURDUE AND THE SYNODICAL CHILDREN'S WORKER

The Executive Committee of the Synodical Children's Workers Cabinet projected a goal of 800 children's workers for Purdue. Synodical Children's Workers are circulating a specially prepared folder listing their special interest groups. A very special feature will be the display of equipment which is being provided by Heidelberg Press, and several educational equipment companies -- Creative Playthings, Macedonia Cooperative and Judy Toys.

SYNODICAL CHILDREN'S WORKERS CIRCULATE KITS

Synodical Children's Workers have assumed responsibility for circulating within their synod two special kits prepared by and through the Department of Children's Work:

The Missionary Education Kit prepared in cooperation with the Cooperative Council on Missionary Education. Another kit, a for sale item, has been projected for 1953-54.

The Vacation Church School Kit includes all of the material suggested for the 1953 Vacation Church School. It was sent directly to Synodical Children's Workers who will use it in the institutes and in synods and then the items will be sold to users in the synod.

PROJECTED AUDIO VISUALS

The Children's Charter, the filmstrip built upon the charter, "For Every Child" is ready for the field. The photographs grew out of the activities on the field and at Tiffin. Promotion of the same is in process and we hope to introduce it through Synodical Children's Workers to every church in our denomination.

THE INTERDENOMINATIONAL SERIES

The department has been represented on the Children's Work Production Committee of the National Council of Churches of Christ for the last two years. FOR EVERY CHILD, the moving picture which will be released during Christian Education Week of 1953 and have its premiere

at Purdue, is one of the first evidences of the work of this particular committee. In addition six scripts are being written:

1. The Church and Its Children
2. The Church's Program for Children
3. The Church Serves the Nursery Child
4. The Church Serves the Kindergarten Child
5. The Church Serves the Primary Child
6. The Church Serves the Junior Child

Fifteen keenly interested cooperating denominations will meet to discuss and approve scripts before the photographing begins. The package of six available September 1954 will meet a long felt need.

PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN

Programming for children is a basic concern of the department and certainly of the Synodical Children's Workers. In the first years of the National Cabinet's being programming was central in our planning. The cornerstone for programming in the children's division should be the church school curriculum. Activities for additional and through-the-week sessions can stem out from that as a core curriculum.

Many requests have come for additional session resources for a children's church (as individual as the church requesting it) or for a graded approach in a second hour on Sunday morning. Some denominations develop resources correlated with the church school curriculum for such additional sessions.

To all requests for additional resources for primary and junior we send the national and international missionary units. But more is needed. Last summer at the workshop, Marydel Damm of Eden Seminary accepted the specific assignment of developing activities for juniors related to and growing out of the Church and Home materials. No effort was made to relate it to the Uniform Series. First and second quarters' activities were mimeographed and sent on request. Fourteen churches requested the help first quarter and it was sent to seven additional churches the second quarter. Evaluations will help us know if this procedure should be continued. Additional plans need to be projected for next year.

This junior material has cleared through our department but it is curriculum and should be more closely related to the editorial department. The editor of junior materials has the best overall picture of the entire church school program, and the manuscripts needed for the writer. It would seem that this should finally pass through her hands but it is an additional job for the children's editor, and it's too big for the department.

Back to the core curriculum. Since the director started thirteen years ago, three major graded curriculum changes have come into the picture each presenting an entirely new approach and a new interpretation to the field. With changing editorships this has developed into a most difficult situation. And the most recent venture has caused considerable concern. What started as a cooperative undertaking has become an unsatisfactory procedure.

Curriculum building is serious business and in the viewpoint of the directors of the department needs more continuity in the children's division than we or the change in editorship have made possible. It becomes increasingly difficult to know deep joy and satisfaction in the materials produced or certainty in the finished product. As we move forward we need more assurance that working with another denomination will be a cooperative undertaking.

THROUGH-THE-WEEK CHURCH RELATED KINDERGARTENS

A number of churches sponsor these kindergartens. Our recommendation to them include Religion in the Kindergarten by Roorbach and Findings from The Weekday Church Kindergarten Workshop, Presbyterian U.S.

This is an interesting field and should be cultivated.

WEEKDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Weekday religious education is also on the march, although we are doing very little to help cultivate the field. The last report from the Division of Christian Education shows there is a renewed emphasis on weekday religious education. The court trials have strengthened the movement. The next step will be a more specifically planned curriculum for all age groups.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS

The 1951 figures show a significant increase in vacation church schools and enrollment with the largest increase in the interdenominational schools.

The 1953 emphasis for vacation church school centers about Jesus. The Committee on Children's Work of the National Council of Churches has projected the following themes beginning in 1954:

- 1954 - The Church
- 1955 - Personal Relationships
- 1956 - The Bible
- 1957 - Wider Relations
- 1958 - Jesus
- 1959 - God

A common interdenominational theme will facilitate community and state training opportunities and should encourage more interdenominational schools.

The vacation church school folder for 1953 has been circulated among all churches.

Study of Vacation Church Schools. The Central Department of Research and Survey of the National Council last year conducted a Study of Vacation Church Schools. We sent the questionnaire to 50 of our Evangelical and Reformed Churches. The report of the study is now at hand and should help both denominational and interdenominational groups to serve children more effectively through the vacation church school.

The report reveals some trends which we need to follow up. 46% of our churches answering the questionnaire reported schools with each of the five departments, nursery, kindergarten, primary, junior and junior high. Ours was the highest percentage enrolling all age groups.

The survey also reveals that while the vacation church school provides the best outreach to unreached children only 321 of 764 denominational schools could give any accurate information about their unchurched children.

In reply to who selects vacation church school curriculum materials we note influences as:

<u>In Denominational Schools</u>		<u>In Interdenominational Schools</u>	
Pastor	44%		23%
Director of V.C.S.	33%		30%
Vac. Ch. School Committee	32%		60%
Denominational Bd.	6%		
Departmental V.C.S.			
Teachers	20%		14%

The Study which will be used by the National Cabinet is available from the Department of Children's Work.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL TEAMS

There have been several field requests for vacation church school teams from churches needing help in conducting a school. At the same time that the request for the vacation church school teams was received we learned of persons at Elmhurst College and Eden Seminary and one Synodical Children's Worker who would be interested in the project. The directors decided to change the pattern of the team to serve the local church by conducting the vacation church school rather than specifically aiming to develop leaders as we originally planned.

After consultation with the Department of Leadership Education, it was decided that one of the field workers should be scheduled to supervise a vacation church school in an area where the call has been especially challenging. The field worker is to be supported by a team of four teachers for nursery, kindergarten, primary and junior. Two teams will be put into the field if workers can be found to participate in the plan.

At the time of writing this report an exchange of letters is in progress. The location of these vacation church schools and the personnel will be announced later.

The training period for the vacation church school teams will follow the Purdue Conference. It may be developed in relationship to the caravan team at Heidelberg College. We hope that in a few years we might continue with the leadership training teams as originally planned but more workers must be developed first.

DAY CAMPING

In an effort to help a number of synods see how a day camp program might well become extended time for Christian education, a few day camp experiments are being conducted in three areas of the country. This project is being carried out in consultation with the Department of Camps and Summer Schools. A caravan trained specifically in day camping will help the local churches administer their program of day camping. There will be a demonstration area in a city church (Erie, Rev. Willard Kratz) a suburban church (Willow Street, Rev. Elden Spangler) and a rural church, (Lewisville, Ohio Rev. George Varns) The leadership is drawn from the local church, and the caravans are used to reinforce the staff so that a fine program will be guaranteed. There will be synod representatives present in each day camp experiment. It is our hope that the observers will return to their immediate synods and furnish leadership in similar activities to be carried on in local churches. The mechanics for setting up these day camps are at this point well in hand. The program is under discussion and with the help of the participating ministers will soon be in outline form and ready to be distributed among the workers in these particular day camps.

JUNIOR CAMPING

The summer of 1952 ushered in a junior camp program of 22 camps and 1,828 in attendance. In 1953 27 camps are being set up to accommodate the overflow registrations. Calling leadership for these camps and planning programs is the combined task of the Department of Camps and Summer Schools and the Department of Children's Work.

A good deal of help was made available to both departments as they were invited to participate in a four week training program at National Camp. Every effort is being made to translate the philosophy of Life Camp into the junior camp program where we hope to help the juniors "do best out of doors what can best be done out of doors."

A number of experimental camps have been set up interdenominationally to give national leaders an opportunity to experiment with a true camp program; to clarify thinking in respect to the most effective kind of camp program for juniors; to help them find the common denominator of church camping trips with juniors; to study the distinctively Christian values and content of a genuine camp program; to train leaders and writers to discover directives for guidance materials; and to explore the relationship of camping to the summer programs for children and to the total program of Christian education.

Last year's experimental junior camp was conducted in Williamsport under the capable leadership of national leaders. Out of it grew the guidance materials entitled, Learning to Live with Others and developed by Miss Carrie Lou Goddard. This year's experimental camp will be conducted at Green Lake, Wisconsin with the hope of further developing more guidance materials in this field of junior camping, and setting up an approach that will permit a three year cycle. Irene will participate in this camp.

FAMILY CAMPING

An observation school for parents in the family camps at Dunkirk was again sponsored in cooperation with the Department of Camps and Conferences and the Department of Adult Work. Each week's registration of children more than filled the quota for good observation. In the three weeks, there was a total of 240 boys and girls registered in the observation school from the age of two through eleven years. Adult observers over the three week period numbered approximately thirty-five.

The week previous to family camps, a church leader's workshop was held at Dunkirk. The Department of Children's Work was invited to collaborate with the Department of Leadership Education in this new venture of leadership training. Because there were so few children available, it was not possible to make this an observation school. However, there were fourteen young people interested in an intensive study of the work with children in the church school.

The department also participated in another family camp sponsored by the Family Life Committee of the St. Louis Federation of Churches.

Here the emphasis on small unit living provided opportunity to experiment in a family approach to camp activities.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK

The national theme for Christian Education Week is For All Children Faith in God. This theme actually roots itself in the White House Conference of 1950. The 1940-50 Census Figures indicate the appropriateness of this theme.

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>% Change</u>
0 - 5 years	10,541,524	16,163,581	Increase 53.3%
5 - 10 years	10,684,622	13,199,686	Increase 23.5%
11- 14 years	11,745,935	11,119,266	Decrease 5.4%
15- 19 years	12,333,523	10,616,589,	Decrease 13.9%
20- 24 years	11,587,835	11,481,828	Decrease 1.0%

Rate of national increase of population as a whole - 14.5%

Total population	1950	40,482,533
	1940	<u>32,972,081</u>

Increase -- 7,510,452

Total church school enrollment reported	1950	29,775,357
	1942	<u>25,100,710</u>
Increase --		4,674,647

It is time to awaken the nation's thinking people to the tremendous increase in population with this all time high in the figure of 3,850,000 births during 1952. This theme ought to serve also to awaken thinking people to the concerns that constantly harass children's work, as shown under Facts and Figures.

The Boards and Agencies of the church have been alerted to this theme. A number of interesting things are being planned. Women's Guild is sponsoring in their short program booklet a program on "Our Responsibility to Children." They are also highlighting materials for the local church to use in sponsoring children's services for World Day of Prayer. The Mission Boards are considering the production of a number of filmstrips that will help girls and boys see activities on the mission field. The Cooperative Council on Missionary Education is giving a good deal of guidance in the production of miniature kits which will be available to the local church. With activities such as these, and continued cooperation from other Boards and Agencies, it is the hope of the department to keep the theme "For All Children, Faith in God" before the congregations throughout the entire year.

The motion picture, "For Every Child," has been completed and will be released during Christian Education Week activities. It is an excellent film to help the ordinary church member see his responsibility to the girls and boys in his neighborhood, in his church. It has a tremendous appeal in that it strikes at every day ordinary occurrences. Synodical Children's Workers, in promoting this film will hope to show it in at least 1,000 churches throughout our denomination during the next year. The film will be presented in an afternoon assembly at the Purdue Conference. The Commission on Evangelism is interested in the distribution and showing of the film because of its clear cut presentation of how to win boys and girls to the cause of Jesus Christ.

A Rally Day Service entitled, "We Would Be Building" will be published in the Church School Worker with an accompanying guide.

FIELD WORK

From April to October Bernice participated in a few field work activities: Meetings in New York, Southeast Ohio, Nebraska Laboratory School; Production Conferences for the Children's Work Audio Visuals; two, one week interdenominational camp training sessions; one Junior Camp training period; Vacation Church School Training session at Yale Divinity School and Michigan Children's Workers' Workshop; Junior Camps at Johns River Valley; Interdenominational Family Camp in St. Louis; Green Lake Audio Visual Workshop; Production of "By All Means" and several curriculum conferences.

As Field Worker until October, Irene served in Lehigh, Potomac, Northwest Ohio Synods. During June, July, August, September camps and conferences on her list included: Tiffin Workshop, Dunkirk Leadership Training Workshop, three Dunkirk Family Camps and four weeks at National Camp.

As Associate Director since October she has had these field trips: Delmont, Pa. (2 days), New Glarus, Wis. (3 days) Bridgeport, Conn. (3 days) Ellis Community Center (2 days) St. Johns, Baltimore, Md. (1 day). Evening meetings at St. Johns, Phila., St. Andrews, Phila., Salem-Zion, Phila.; Lancaster Seminary (class of middlers)

Served on these Committees:

Philadelphia Evaluation Committee (monthly meetings)
 Production Committee of National Council of Churches
 (2 meetings)
 Curriculum Committee (week-end)
 Executive Committee of National Cabinet (week-end)

Attended Conferences: Green Lake National Council of Churches
 (1 week), Cincinnati, Ohio, National Council (1 week), Study Conference,
 Schwenksville (week-end), inter-staff meeting (1 day), Child Welfare,
 Harrisburg (2 days) Vacation Church School Institutes, Wisconsin (1 week),
 Buck Hill Falls (camping conference) (5 days)

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Irene Balliet began her responsibility as Associate Director of Children's Work October 1st, 1952 and soon after assumed major responsibility for the department's activities. From October through most of November Bernice gave two days a week to office activities, several week-ends with the rest of the week at Pendle Hill, a Quaker school for study and research. As Irene eased into office activities, Bernice eased out. By the latter part of November Bernice was out of the picture completely and Irene and Mary plunged into unfinished plans and projected meetings like old timers.

Bernice would speak a very special word of appreciation to the members of the Board and to Frank Sheeder for their gracious concern and understanding. After the April 1952 Board meeting and during this topsy-turvy leave of absence, I, Bernice had hoped to have part time in the office from October through December with some time at Pendle Hill and January to June amongst people of other races and cultures. 'Twas a strange coincidence that those plans were so completely changed by a visit to the hospital and time for recuperation. I returned to Pendle Hill for the month of February. Travel to India seemed unwise.

With the January recommendation of the Executive Committee that my leave be shortened so as to allow for a trip to India at a later time, I spent March in the office, but may be away from the office another month this spring.

For four years, Ruby Oliphant has given excellent part time secretarial service to the Department of Children's Work. At a time when we were beside ourselves with work, she was a part of our working fellowship. Since Ruby could not give us full time, we were fortunate in securing the services of Grace Mayton who came to our department February 1st. She grew up in Los Angeles, graduated from a Philadelphia high school in 1951 and is attending evening business school. Her father is a Baptist minister

in the city. She seems to be enjoying the work, is helping us to carry through many details and works with a thoroughness that will soon qualify her to assume more responsibility. We are very happy to have her.

Our V.I.P. "Thanks for your help," "You sent just the materials we needed," "The director may not be there, but will you send me..." "I know Bernice won't get to this letter, but I need...." So go many letters from those who are acquainted with the workings of our department. As the director takes off we hear, "Cheerio! Keep the home fires burning. I left ten cylinders in the ediphone. Try going home at five o'clock while I'm gone." Yes, there's a V.I.P. in the Department of Children's Work and her story has a beginning,

October 12, 1928 Mary Roberts came to the Schaff Building to become secretary to Dr. Conrad A. Hauser, editor of church school publications. Upon Dr. Hauser's retirement in 1942 she came into the Department of Children's Work. Dr. Hauser often remarked that Mary was Presbyterian only on Sunday and Evangelical and Reformed the rest of the week. In 1944 when an Evangelical and Reformed Church moved into her front yard she became a charter member of the fellowship that came to be "the church in the barn," St. James Evangelical and Reformed Church. Since being in the Department of Children's Work Mary has taught junior, nursery and primary children in the local church. She spent one term at the Faribault Laboratory School.

We extend best wishes to Mary on her twenty-five years of service and commend her to the Board of Christian Education and Publication. Her unfailing Christian spirit; her untiring service in the department and through it to our Evangelical and Reformed Church make her our V.I.P. In sincere appreciation we quote a well known poem, by Kagawa --

"I cannot invent
New things,
Like airships
Which sail
On silver wings;
But today
A wonderful thought
In the dawn was given,.....

And the thought
Was this:
That a secret plan
Is hid in my hand;
That my hand is big,
Big, Because of this plan.

That God,
Who dwells in my hand,
Knows this secret plan
Of the things He will do for the world
Using my hand!"

Respectfully submitted,

Bernice A. Buehler
Irene F. Balliet

THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH WORK

To the Members of the
Board of Christian Education and Publication:

We are encouraged by the wholesome response of our young people, adult leaders and ministers to our suggestions and encouragements. But we are humbled time and again when we face the many difficult situations where the full impact of the Christian Education program is not realized.

Take one minister who states, as a matter of fact, that of every three girls he marries, two "have to get married." And another minister, who excuses a poor turnout for the evening meetings because his is a downtown church. And yet another, who can't get his Sunday school to use our "recommended" curriculum.

Slowly, we are feeling our grasp of the situation, and trust that with constant effort, and wider participation at both the youth and adult levels, our church's ministry to its young people will be both effective and meaningful.

A. The YOUTH FELLOWSHIP, its Organization and Progress

1. The National Council Meeting, August 1952

For the second National Council Meeting of the Youth Fellowship, the 76 delegated youth representatives, together with 10 adult advisers, staff members, fraternal delegates and visitors met on the campus of Eden Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri, August 19-24, 1952. It was a full meeting, and the delegates shared in the many activities in good spirit both for personal enrichment, and for the good of the youth program of the church. These delegates showed a feeling of synodical responsibilities which reflected in the serious and determined manner in which they approached the business at hand.

One could sense that the "new plan of organization" first charted two years previously at Bowling Green was a matter of history, and that it was the task now to consolidate its growth, further interpreting the three-commission plan, and to strengthen the synod-level youth organization as an arm of the National Council. To this end, each individual delegate committed himself

to carry forth within his own realm and abilities the National Council program and goals.

Elected for the biennium of 1952-54 were the following officers:

President	- Barry Kern, Allentown, Pa.
Vice-President	- Lavon Burrichter, Newton, Iowa
Secretary	- Betty Noah, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Treasurer	- Mark Friedley, Sheboygan, Wis.
Christian Faith Chairman	- Robert Schwitzgebel, N. Canton, O.
Christian Action Chairman	- Allen Blume, Des Plaines, Ill.
Christian Fellowship Chairman	- Carl Frantz, Summit Hill, Pa.

2. Benevolent Giving and Christ's Workday

The young people themselves establish the goals in support of the several projects. This list names the goals set by the First National Council, the amounts actually raised, and the new goals set more "realistically" by the 1952 National Council:

	<u>1950-52 Goals</u>	<u>1950-52 Raised</u>	<u>1952-54 Goals</u>
Steeple for People	\$10,000	\$ 897	\$ 3,000
National Summer Caravans	5,000	511	3,500
Scholarship for Negro Students	3,000	2,700	3,000
Scholarship for Latin American Students	3,000	816	4,350
Karl Meyer Memorial Work Camp Fund	2,000	493	2,500
International Christian University in Japan	10,000	2,005	3,000
Christian Literature for Africa			5,000
Youth Work in Korea, Japan and India			650
Bags for Baghdad	10,000	2,509	
European Church Camps	5,000	1,015	
Others and miscellaneous	<u>12,000</u>	<u>799</u>	
Totals	60,000	11,745	25,000

One specific outgrowth of the benevolent program is the fact that Miss Isolina Torres is now a student at Ursinus College. This has been made possible because of contributions of youth groups to the Scholarship Fund for Latin American Student. Her presence has been a real witness to the interest of the young people, and in return, Isolina has been graciously received in our youth groups and churches.

CHRIST'S WORKDAY, which was designed as an avenue of fund-raising for young people, has proved to be of more value than we originally thought. It was attempted by 172 youth groups in the fall of 1951, registering total earnings of \$5,396.16. On Christ's Workday of October 25, 1952, we have definite knowledge of more than 200 groups earning almost \$7,500, with more yet to report. All the flattering remarks from ministers and adult advisers concerning the whole-hearted participation, and the surprising impact upon the adults and parents, attest to the value of this kind of youth activity. Our new filmstrip describing Christ's Workday was released in September 1952.

We understand that the United Christian Youth Movement will encourage the holding of a Christ's Workday in Youth Week 1954, referring inquiries to our office for further information.

3. Affiliations and Annual Reports

In our first concerted effort urging local youth groups to affiliate with the National Youth Fellowship, we have achieved at this writing 453 affiliations for the 1952-53 year. This is 82% of the quota of 554 set for this period. Affiliation calls for the submitting of a report form together with a \$5.00 contribution toward the National Council Administrative Fund, which in turn gives \$1.00 of it to the United Christian Youth Movement. The schedule below shows the number reported (Feb. 19th) and the quotas for the present and the next year. Starred (*) synods met their quotas.

<u>Synod</u>	<u>Reported</u> <u>1952-53</u>	<u>Quota</u> <u>1952-53</u>	<u>Quota</u> <u>1953-54</u>
California	4	5	6
Central Penna.	5	21	25
Dakota	1	11	14
East Penna.	4	15	19
Iowa	24*	16	20
Kansas City	16*	16	20
Lancaster	18*	18	22
Lehigh	24*	17	21
Magyar	14*	9	12
Mercersburg	22*	21	26

<u>Synod</u>	<u>Reported 1952-53</u>	<u>Quota 1952-53</u>	<u>Quota 1953-54</u>
Michigan-Indiana	4	21	26
Missouri Valley	15	24	30
Nebraska	19*	12	15
New York	0	7	9
Northeast Ohio	9	12	15
Northern	12	17	21
North Illinois	26	27	34
Northwest Ohio	23*	18	23
North Wisconsin	15	16	20
Pacific Northwest	2	4	5
Philadelphia	32*	17	21
Pittsburgh	8	30	37
Potomac	10	20	25
Reading	13	21	26
Rocky Mountain	1	5	6
Southeast Ohio	16	20	24
Southern	18*	13	16
South Illinois	22*	18	22
South Indiana	29*	20	25
Southwest Ohio	19	22	27
South Wisconsin	8	16	20
Susquehanna	7	17	21
Texas	7	13	16
West New York	<u>6</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>
Totals	453	554	687

4. The Revised Youth Fellowship Handbook

The 1952 National Council delegates authorized the continuance of the looseleaf Handbook first issued in the spring of 1951, retaining as much of the original issue as is pertinent, but bringing all data, information, resource materials and other items up-to-date. Some 15 articles were written by as many young people, and the staff has undertaken the editorial tasks necessary to have the Revised Handbook ready for the 1953 summer camp and Purdue Conference demands.

5. The Youth Section at Purdue

We are confident that 1,000 young people will be in attendance at the Christian Education Conference at Purdue this summer. Besides the regular program of the conference, the youth section meetings will feature a short assembly and T.N.T. (Teach and Tell) discussion groups on the three afternoons. Each day's assembly and T.N.T. groups will deal with one of the three commission areas. After the evening programs, the young people will have several in-

formal recreational groups as well as opportunities to meet with conference leaders in "cracker barrel" sessions.

Because the T.N.T. groups will be conducted by 120 youth leaders, together with 40 adult resource leaders, we look to Purdue as a workshop experience for this vast crew, who in turn, will be better equipped, to interpret the youth program in their respective synodical and local situations.

B. YOUTH WORK WITHIN THE DENOMINATION

6. Summer Service and Caravans

In heartening numbers, young people of seventeen years and older, inquire about and apply for summer service assignments. A fairly large number in the lower age bracket have to be rejected because of lack of places to assign them. In 1952, forty-nine young people were used in the threefold caravan program which served the 30 E & R Churches and 10 CC Churches, camps, 2 community centers in St. Louis and the entire mission field of Honduras. We have learned that young people are capable of giving fine leadership in other places than churches and camps, namely in specific national and international missions locations. We are convinced that more volunteer opportunities should be offered to our young people even though this involves a considerably larger budget. A special word of thanks is due the Commission on World Service, the Commission on Christian Social Action, and the Board of National Missions for their financial assistance in 1952.

7. Youth Representation to Denominational Boards and Agencies

We have had satisfactory representation at the regular meetings of the following Boards and Agencies of the church during the past year:

Paul Baumer	-	Board of National Missions
Barbara Baumgartner	-	Board of International Missions
Barbara Hofmeister	-	Commission on World Service
Barry Kern at Buffalo)	-	Committee on Correlation and Pro-
Eileen Dressel at)		motion of the General Council
Cleveland)		
Jim Swander	-	Committee on Evangelism
Bob Schwitzgebel	-	Committee on Stewardship
Paul Baumer at Dunkirk)	-	Committee on Christian Social
Dave Lennington at)		Action
Reading)		

Barry Kern, president of the National Council, will attend the 1953 annual meeting of the Board of Christian Education and Publication.

In many of these meetings, our youth delegates made brief reports, and were well received. In most instances, youth participation in the ongoing work of their respective programs was acknowledged, and the young people themselves reflect their increased awareness through their contribution in their respective Commission meetings.

8. Youth Sunday and Confirmation Reunion Observances

We feel that Youth Sunday in January 1952 was exceptionally well observed because of the interdenominational Call to United Christian Youth Action program. This pattern evidently continued, for Youth Sunday on January 25, 1953, seemed equally well received. Our supply of 20,000 worship services for this occasion was exhausted fully ten days before the appointed day. We are pleased to have the cooperation of the Department of United Promotion which carried the Youth Sunday emphasis in the weekly denominational bulletin. The MESSENGER for January 27th also carried a special section observing Youth Week.

Unsolicited letters from Texas, Minnesota, and points east tell of gratifying experiences with youth participation in every instance. A church near Easton, Pa., will permit youth participation in Lenten services as a result of Youth Sunday. In some instances, this was a "first time" for the church in question. We consider these indications as healthy signs.

We now anticipate a good response to the observance of Confirmation Reunion Sunday on Palm Sunday, March 29th, 1953. Miss Janell Landis, who was recently Director of Christian Education at Trinity Church, Tiffin, Ohio, and is now en route to Japan as a special term missionary, wrote the worship service, "Built Upon the Rock." We expect to sell all of our 10,000 copies of this service. Last year we disposed of 8,000 copies.

9. Girls' Guilds

A count of statistical report blanks reveals the functioning of thirty-two Girls' Guilds in thirteen synods. The ages of the members range from eleven to thirty-four, with groups averaging about fifteen members. Many have fallen in quite naturally with the pattern of youth organization suggested by the National Council, supporting the projects and using the monthly program materials selected especially for them.

10. Junior High Work

The present pattern of youth work still gives the greatest attention to the young people in the middle age bracket, while the two ends, junior highs and older youth get less. We are in the beginning of a big swell in population increase for 12-13- and 14-year-olds. To give them fair attention, we do not need a lot of program helps and printed materials in addition to what we now have, but we do need a large corps of adult leaders who understand, or are willing to learn, how to work with this age group. A simple manual for adult workers with junior highs was requested by the National Council in August and is being prepared. We plan to send a copy to every minister, hoping in that way to get wide usage of it among all workers with junior highs.

11. Church School and Summer Camps

The core of youth work in the local church should be the church school program. For junior highs this may well be the Junior High Fellowship. When the church school teachers no longer limit their time and interest to one hour on Sunday morning, but see their responsibility extending to other activities with the result that one unified program of Christian Education exists, we will have attained a worthy end.

Beyond the local church, the camp and conference program adds very much to the Christian education of young people who attend. Time, planning, and participation, are the contribution of the Department of Youth Work staff to church schools as such, and to camps and conferences.

12. Program Material, Publications, Sales and Services

We continue to rely completely on the Youth Fellowship Kit and the Junior-Hi Kit as the basic program resource material for our evening fellowship groups. Comparative sales figures show:

	<u>12 months</u> <u>1950-51</u>	<u>12 months</u> <u>1951-52</u>	<u>6 months</u> <u>1952-53</u>
<u>Youth Fellowship Kit</u>	476	516	606
<u>Junior-Hi Kit</u>	428	374	384

It is our feeling that where youth groups use these Kits wisely, they profit from their use. To make certain that the topic material is within the realm of young people, we have the manuscripts criticized by our young people. Adult guidance and

advance preparation still seem to be the principal ingredient for their optimum use.

We have discontinued the publication of the "monthly programs," the last ones being prepared for the calendar year 1952. The low sales as against the high expenses and effort required in preparing them have suggested that we turn to another source for program help for those groups which meet monthly. Our suggestion then is the Youth Fellowship programs issued by the Pilgrim Press. No. 1, entitled Everyday Christians carrying 15 simple programs, and selling for \$1.00. No. 2 is entitled Faith in Action. There will be a series of six such program books, all undated, and therefore usable by our young people. To give a denominational picture of missions, two mimeographed programs on Africa and Human Rights were prepared to include with each order of Everyday Christians.

Our quarterly free distribution of Leaders of Youth still seems to serve a useful function, of bringing to the church the latest emphases and developments in the youth program. Besides the regular mailing of 6,000 every quarter, this leaflet is readily available to the many requests for "free literature."

We have discontinued the sale of the Youth Worker's Kit, a packet of some 40 miscellaneous items priced at \$1.50. On the one hand, we did not push the sales of this packet, because it was quite a task to keep our stock of the many pieces fresh and current. On the other hand, we were not sure that the packet was wisely used.

However, in response to the insistent demands from our youth commission chairmen, we prepared a packet of materials for synodical chairman of each of the three commissions, made up 25 of each, and sold them for \$1.00 each. These were clearly marked "supplementary material" and included material from other denominations, as well as from the many boards and agencies of our church and the National Council of Churches. We do not "stock" these commission packets, but if they seem to serve their function, we may assemble new packets with fresh material periodically.

A mimeographed newssheet, originally intended to prepare youth delegates to the 1952 National Council meeting, first appeared as "National Council Memo No. 1" under date of May 15, 1952. By the time that National Council actually met, seven memos alerted each delegate to the many factors surrounding this important occasion. Memo No. 8 was issued at Eden Seminary, and there, the National Council requested the continued publication of this periodic information sheet.

Thus commenced a monthly release of the National Council Memo, reporting on progress and developments of actions taken at the

National Council meetings, but more, to keep them abreast of trends, sharing ideas, seeking reactions, and serving notice of important denominational programs. The mailing list includes all National Council delegations, delegates to the 1952 Christian Youth Conference of North America, presidents of synodical youth cabinets, the adult adviser to the synodical youth cabinets, and the E and R 1952 summer caravaners. These people have a "background of concern" and therefore, are more sensitive to immediate proposals and suggestions.

Building Your Youth Program for 1952-53 was an insert in the Summer 1952 issue of Leaders of Youth.

We sold out our supply of 5,000 Lenten Devotions for Young People 1953 and since, have received orders for another 1,000. We continue to sell Youth Fellowship emblems in pins, stickers, placards, cut and mimeograph stencils. Upon request, we send a display of youth work material to youth rallies and conferences, and occasionally make good sales.

13. Training Adult Leaders of Youth

In an effort to find some basis for reaching a larger number of adult workers with young people, we are using some of the spring synodical youth rallies to call together adult advisers and church school teachers for a special two-hour session. We wish to experiment with a "lap-chart" developed by the Youth Department of the Presbyterian Church US, and see what response we can get in this kind of approach. We hope to provide this opportunity at four synodical rallies this spring.

C. INTERDENOMINATIONAL YOUTH WORK

14. The Christian Youth Conference of North America

The 1952 quadrennial CYCNA gathered some 1,000 youth and their leaders for an inspiring four days on the Purdue campus August 25-29, 1952. Our Evangelical and Reformed Church registered 91 young people and 3 adults and thereby had an above-average representation. Platform addresses, pageantry and smaller "How" and "Why" groups gave opportunity for witnessing to the larger impact of Christian youth across the nation and the world.

Like the Call program of January 1952, which failed to reach the 1,000,000 youth commitments, the CYCNA did not attract the 2,000 delegates it sought. In some quarters this raised some questions about the function of the United Christian Youth Movement and the many obstacles in its program. Nevertheless, our

E and R youth delegates were properly moved, and their experience will help "sell" our own Purdue Conference this summer.

15. Delegates to World Conference at Travancore

It is with considerable pride that we report that two of the 30 American Youth Delegates to the Third World Conference of Christian Youth, held December 11-25, 1952 at Travancore, India, were from our denomination. Miss Marie Hoefer of Elmhurst, Illinois, and Paul Fenske of Hoskins, Nebraska, were carefully screened, and chosen by the committee responsible, though they happened to be our only nominees. Sailing from New York on October 29th, they traveled in Europe before arriving in India. Both of the young people have been making contacts with our mission stations in India and elsewhere in Asia, Paul returning by way of the Philippines and Japan, thence arriving in San Francisco in mid-April, while Marie intends to spend some time in the Near East and Europe before arriving in New York early in May.

We are grateful for the underwriting by the Board of Christian Education and Publication toward their travel budgets. A preliminary accounting on January 29th showed total expenditures for the two delegates at \$4,257.30. Against this, we received the following contributions:

The Board of Christian Education and Publication	\$1,000.00
The Board of International Missions	500.00
Commission on World Service	750.00
Student Department	500.00
Christ's Workday earnings	1,201.99
Miscellaneous gifts and offerings	299.84
UCYM World Travel Fund	100.00
Total resources	<u>\$4,351.83</u>

The "books" on this account are not yet closed, and as additional gifts are received, they will help send these delegates to meet with student and youth groups across the country. We are particularly proud of the high caliber of both Marie and Paul, and know that they will be witnesses to the ecumenical nature of our church. We wish to acknowledge the contributions by the Board of International Missions and the Commission on World Service, and the generous share by our Student Department, since Paul represented our United Student Fellowship to the World Student Christian Federation.

16. Joint Committee on Missionary Education

Excellent age group material continues to be planned

and published interdenominationally by the Joint Commission on Missionary Education. We seek new ways to introduce our young people to these fine books. This year it was possible to obtain in quantity copies of HOW---Home Missions for Human Rights at half price to distribute to all groups affiliating with the Youth Fellowship.

17. Audio-Visuals for Youth Work

Scheduled for public release in September 1953 are the third of the series of audio-visual resources (LEAV and FLAV Kits) on youth work. Termed Youth Audio-Visuals (YAV), this series will have seven new sound filmstrips plus one previously released, to make a kit of eight. These are entitled:

1. "We Have This Fellowship"
2. "The Faith of a Guy"
3. "Gallery of Witnesses"
4. "I Found a New World"
5. "The Measure of a Man"
6. "How Wide is our Circle"
7. "Big Enough to Tackle"

To these newly created filmstrips will be added "The Accused" which was used in promoting the Call. Test-prints of the first two were shown at the Cincinnati meetings of the Division of Christian Education (of the National Council of Churches) in February 1953, and favorable comments were received. By the titles, one can identify the first as referring to the total Youth Fellowship program, the next five on each of the common commissions (faith, witness, outreach, citizenship and fellowship), and the seventh on the united youth program.

A series of state-wide "Institutes on Youth Work" will be conducted across the nation in September and October this fall, calling together key "leaders of leaders" to discuss the latest trends in youth work, the place of the commission plan, and the use of these filmstrips. Our Board is underwriting this series for \$2,000, against a \$20,000 production budget. Your Youth Director is serving as chairman of the production committee, on which some 14 denominations are represented.

D. STAFF ACTIVITIES AND GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

18. Youth Associate

Our experience of having a Youth Associate on the field has been very gratifying, and we are pleased with the fine results

shown by our recent representatives. Rev. Wayne Peck participated in the Honduras caravan-work camp, attended both the National Council and the CYCNA before starting "on the road." By June 1953, when his year's service is complete, he will have covered eighteen synods, each for two-week periods. Two significant phases of his work stand out. Wayne has done a fine job interpreting the youth program on a "minister-to-minister" basis. In Pittsburgh Synod, for instance, his one instruction was to meet with as many ministers as his schedule allowed. In 24 actual conferences he opened the way in 12 instances to allow the synod's "organizational team" to come in and develop the youth program. Wayne's second significant contribution was his "western swing," covering all of California Synod, Pacific Northwest Synod, and the Rocky Mountain Synod in seven weeks. Starting at Los Angeles on January 27th, he moved up to San Francisco on January 16th, thence to Portland on the 23rd, Seattle on the 28th, and through the states of Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, a corner of Nebraska, and into Colorado, leaving Denver on February 24th to pick up his car at "home" in Paducah, Kentucky. From balmy California through a Wyoming blizzard, Wayne doggedly met with ministers, adult advisers, youth leaders and youth groups, urging the use of the Church and Home Series, describing our mission work in Honduras, interpreting our Youth Fellowship program, and best of all, giving these outpost churches a touch of the denominational concern.

We are now prepared to nominate the Youth Associate for the year commencing June 15, 1953. We wish to recommend Barry Kern, president of the National Council for the 1952-54 biennium, as the "youth-to-youth" missionary of our Youth Department. As Youth Associate, Barry will participate in our summer caravan program and a summer camp assignment, before taking to the road on a prescribed route giving every synod along this route a chance to request his services. Unlike his two predecessors, Barry will not have an automobile, and he will limit his services to meeting and counselling with youth groups and youth leaders. A ministerial candidate, he will have finished his third year at Lehigh University. As National Council president, he will have added prestige and status in this field work.

19. Youth Directors and their Field Work

As Director of Youth Work, it has been my privilege to serve in the field in various capacities during the past year, which I list in four general groupings:

(1) Representing the Board of Christian Education and Publication, I shared a week in the series of Christian Education institutes in Michigan-Indiana Synod, and on the faculty of Lehigh Synod fall training conferences; served on the Youth Committee of the Cooperative Council of Missionary Education; attended a General

Council meeting; attended the two joint-staff conferences at Schwenksville and Boston; and preached at three anniversary services. In behalf of the Youth Department, I shared in the Dunkirk Workshop, directed a senior-high camp, shared in the Mensch Mill conference on Christian Education, participated in the caravan training and round-up, and met with classes on youth work at both Eden Seminary and Lancaster Seminary.

(2) In behalf of the Youth Fellowship organization, I attended several meetings of the three commissions, the executive committee, and in several planning sessions, besides the National Council meeting itself; I attended synodical youth functions of North Illinois, Pittsburgh, West New York, Potomac, East Pennsylvania Synods, besides several regional and federation rallies.

(3) My interdenominational responsibilities included the meetings of the Committee on Youth Work at Green Lake, Wisconsin and Cincinnati, the many meetings of the Youth Audio-Visual production committee, the Christian Youth Conference of North America, and a survey on youth work at Lititz, Pennsylvania. I spoke at two Youth Week rallies.

(4) Demands from local situations seem to eat into my time and effort, and yet I count these as some of my more valuable contacts, where I receive insight into the difficulties relating to the Christian Education impact upon young people. These are usually "one-night-stands," speaking to Women's Guilds, a Sunday School Association dinner, an audio-visual workshop, Sunday schools, and miscellaneous youth groups. Probably the most welcome of these meetings were opportunities I had in meeting with the E and R Ministerium of Akron and Baltimore.

For the Associate Director of Youth Work, there have been several new experiences in the field program. Only one was denominational; a week was spent in Woodhaven, N. Y., following the procedure of field workers. This proved to be a very enlightening experience.

New assignments interdenominationally included program planning for the Youth Section of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, program planning for the annual fall meeting of the Youth Service Commission of the United Christian Youth Movement, leadership in the experimental leadership training clinic conducted in Cincinnati, Ohio, by the Committee on Youth Work of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches. Leadership in two experimental junior high camps helped to provide an actual situation for background in writing camp materials for 1953 and 1954.

20. Appreciation

Literally, thousands of letters (about 3800), memos, and other materials pour out of the Youth Department each year. All the "extras" in time, effort, and interest on the part of our office staff result in accomplishment instead of failure to meet demands made upon us. Thanks and appreciation for their constant labor are due Clara Aughinbaugh and Beryl Richardson, as well as Fern Ott and the young people of several synods who volunteered time to work on mailings and assemble Handbooks.

The interchange of ideas with other members of the staff is a constant source of help and inspiration and we appreciate the privilege of working with all of them.

21. Goals Ahead

To spur us on, and to give us direction in our efforts, we list four principal goals on which we wish to lay greater and greater stress.

(1) More and better adult advisers. We have stated before, and will probably say so again in the future, but we are firmly convinced that the crux to a meaningful youth program in the local church is the lay adult youth adviser. We will probably give more time and effort in cultivating this group of people, making excessive demands upon them, holding high standards and ideals in their relationships, and seeking their cooperation in touching the lives of each of their young people. Printed and audio-visual resource material, plus localized training sessions will probably be the avenues to reach them.

(2) Stronger synodical youth organization. We are moving toward stronger synodical youth cabinets, which are carrying on a remarkable program in their respective situations. We would give these synod officers every assistance so that they may interpret the youth program, move quickly into local situations, help start youth groups and strengthen faltering ones. The "week-end caravans" and "organizational teams" are evidence of this trend.

(3) Volunteer service program. Our summer caravaners come back to us requesting more and greater experiences in volunteer services under church auspices. These are high-type young people, who wish to serve the church, willing to give of themselves for as much as one year out of their youthful lives. We should not be missing this great opportunity to provide real experiences in nurturing future lay leaders. In the process we could serve the various agencies of our church in more significant ways.

(4) The Older Youth, age 18 to 24. Increasingly our attention is forced upon this age bracket. They are removed from the

high school teen-agers by virtue of any combination of "adult experiences" such as: marriage, employment, military service, going away to college, etc. In these instances, age is not the factor, but the life experiences of these "older youths." Really, they are no longer "youth," they are "young adults." We are approaching this problem from various angles, and hope to report some tangible program to meet their peculiar needs in the local church.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Tani, Director of Youth Work

Ethel A. Shellenberger, Associate Director of
Youth Work

THE DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT WORK

To the Members of the
Board of Christian Education and Publication

"The Crisis in the University reflects the crisis in the world and its pervading sense of insecurity.This physical insecurity is matched by a moral and spiritual insecurity and indeed largely results from it....The veneer of civilization has proved to be amazingly thin. Beneath it has been revealed, not only the ape and the tiger but what is far worse - perverted and satanic man....The real trouble lies deeper still...our predicament is beyond cure by exhortation to individuals to a change of will, and to 'moral rearmament'... The crisis of our times is cultural not moral...no picture dominating the imagination...binding convictions are lacking...the cake of custom is broken, old gods dethroned, none to replace them...mentally and spiritually most persons are displaced persons."

- Sir Walter Moberly, The Crisis in the University
pp. 15,16; SCM Press, Ltd., London, 1949

"We should recognize...that any discrediting of the biblical faith in the sovereignty of God over human history must be done from the standpoint of a different and a rival faith. Faith is inescapable. If life is to be meaningful in any sense, every person must commit himself to a scale of values, a supreme loyalty, a cause in which by losing himself, he can find himself. In this sense, there are no 'atheists', for as Martin Luther observed, 'Trust and faith of the heart alone make both God and idol.... Whatever then thy heart clings to and relies upon, that is properly thy God.' Life is a battle of the gods, and unfortunately there is no spectators' grandstand from which we can view this rivalry disinterestedly. We must take a position in the struggle if we are to think, act, or live. We are truly in a world crisis, for this is a time of decision, as the Greek word krisis means. The issue is precisely that which Joshua presented to his fellow Israelites long ago: 'Choose ye this day whom ye shall serve.' In our time we must decide whether we will serve the Lord who speaks to men through the Bible, or whether we will serve the gods of man's making."

- Bernhard W. Anderson, Rediscovering the Bible,
pg. 5, Association Press, New York, 1951

"..that is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

- II Corinthians 5: 19-20

NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR STUDENT WORK

Upon the recommendation of the Fellowship of Campus Ministry (organization of student workers - CC and E&R) a proposal for a National Advisory Council for Student Work was brought to the Executive Committee of the Board for consideration. The Council was to include two representatives from the following: Fellowship of Campus Ministry, United Student Fellowship, Commission on Higher Education, the Board of Christian Education, and (as later agreed) the Synodical Committees on Christian Education.

Having received the approval of the Executive Committee, the following persons have been invited to participate in the Council's first meeting, scheduled for March 30 and 31, 1953.

Representing:

Board of Christian Education and Publication-
Mrs. Henderson L.V. Shinn and the Rev. Robert T. Fauth
Synodical Committees on Christian Education-
Dr. Charles Spotts and the Rev. Donald L. Powers
United Student Fellowship-
Miss Estelle Zies and Mr. Alfred Williams
Fellowship of Campus Ministry-
The Rev. Herbert Muenstermann and Dr. Eugene S. Wehrli
Commission on Higher Education-
Dr. Andrew G. Truxal and Dr. Waldo Berlekamp

In the letter of invitation to the members of the Council, the following paragraph was included:

"At its meeting in early January, the Executive Committee of the Board of Christian Education and Publication constituted an Advisory Council for Student Work and appointed you to its membership. It is hoped that your participation on this representative council will be a major step in providing direction for the course which our ministry in higher education should follow in the months and years ahead. Work on this council is of no small import, for the Board will look to you to assume a large share of the responsibility for this segment of its work."

All invited have accepted the invitation to serve on the Council and all but two plan to be in attendance for the entire meeting. The latter expect to be with us for the first day, however, so we are looking forward to a good meeting as we begin our thinking together.

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THIS REPORT, while being submitted to the Board of Christian Education and Publication as the annual report, is also being sent to members of the Advisory Council as a preparatory-working paper for the Council meeting on March 30 and 31. A report of the Council meeting will be made to the Board at the time of its meeting on April 7 and 8.

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The major body of this report will be divided into two sections:

- I. "STUDENT WORK" - The Church at Work in Higher Education
- II. "STUDENT MOVEMENT" - Campus and Christian Life in Student and Faculty Fellowships

These distinctions are popular in the current discussions and considerations of all churches and agencies who are active in the student work field. While these labels may not be the most descriptive, the distinction is a real one and needs to be made. Too long have we allowed our divisiveness and indecision in administrative and sponsoring roles, hamper students and faculty in their campus Christian life. Parents need to recognize that children are too busy with their own immediate concerns to be confronted continuously with questions which parents ought to straighten out themselves. Of course, there can be no absolute separation between "student work" and "student movement", but there are real grounds to support efforts being made to give students and faculty freedom to get on with their witness, rather than become bogged down in all of the technical aspects of "student work".

I. "STUDENT WORK" -- The Church at Work in Higher Education

A. Survey and Statistics

The post-war boom in college registrants has passed and we are presently living in a period of temporarily decreased enrollments. This is only a temporary condition, however, for predictions by the colleges indicate that by 1960 the "aging war babies" will swell college populations to an all-time high -- more than two or three times the present enrollment of 2,300,000 students in 1,888 colleges and universities.

A post-war contribution to higher education has been the rapid rise in numbers of foreign students -- today totalling 31,000. Many of these students are from Protestant mission stations, while others are here primarily through the sponsorship of their governments. Most will go home to jobs of national significance. Sad but true, Protestant forces are making meager efforts to minister to these foreign friends.

At the present time we are in the midst of a nation-wide survey. We are trying to gather statistics, as complete as possible, in order that this information will be available for our future planning. While this survey cannot be completed until late in this academic year, figures are beginning to back up suppositions which have guided the Department of Student Work these past years. These are: 1) There are probably no more than fifty colleges and universities in which there are more than 75 E&R students enrolled. This figure includes our eight church-related colleges. 2) Present estimates would indicate that more than half of our students are in schools other than these 50, scattered in small groups, ranging from less than a dozen and upward. It also becomes clear that any attempt to get an accurate accounting of our students will always be frustrated by such factors as these: refusal on the part of many schools to record denominational preferences, often because of their interpretation of the laws of their state; practice of many of our students to register as "Protestant", making denominational breakdown impossible; students register "no preference" (one survey recently indicated this number to be 1 of every 8 students); plus the fact that the name of our Church is not helpful in getting statistics, for it is too often confused with several other

denominations.

While the survey goes on, there are several observations which can be made now. a) In most of the schools where we have more than 75 students, organized work is already under way. b) In others there is little hope, indeed little interest on the part of many, to try to establish a "denominational program". c) There is a growing conviction that while our plans for future development of student work must take into account the "numbers of E&R preference students", the situation on the campuses demands serious searching of our convictions as to whether we are willing to have as our primary concern the need of the students, faculty and the total campus community for a Protestant ministry in which we can be responsible participants rather than the "numbers of E&R students".

The survey goes on and the figures will be compiled and made available when it is completed.

B. Within the Synods

During this first year, a major portion of time has been spent in meeting with representatives of 23 synods. Brief reports of the picture across the country are given at the end of the report. (See Appendix A.)

The major concern of these Synod representatives (in most cases serving on Synodical or Inter-synodical Student Work Committees) has been to develop and provide financial support for workers in student centers, most of them located on our large state university campuses. In addition to securing basic information concerning such work sponsored through the synods, efforts are also being made to introduce considerations of how these committees and their representatives can (a) broaden and deepen already existing work; (b) assist intercollegiate student movements (state-wide United Student Fellowships in the mid-west and regional - YM-YWCA, Church co-sponsored Student Christian Movements in the East; (c) encourage and assist more College Town Churches and their Pastors to assume responsibility for students and faculty within their "parish"; and (d) stimulate faculty to consider their opportunities in the vocation of Christian scholar and teacher.

Practically all of the work cared for by these synodical committees is co-sponsored with other denominations (in cooperation with the CC Churches, and in many instances with other Churches). Exception to this rule is the work which is sometimes centered in a local E&R Church.

As reported by Charles Schwantes, past Director of Student Work, it begins to appear that most all of the campuses where we have large numbers of students are now receiving some support to carry on student work. There is general agreement that much remains to be done in these centers. While undergirding of our present projects is of immediate importance, even more glaring are the scores of state and city sponsored schools, as well as many non-church related private institutions (where we have relatively small numbers of E&R students) that have no organized program of student Christian work. Many of them do have student Christian groups, but no real program of student work, bolstered with trained leadership. These situations cannot be met by us alone -- indeed by any Church or Y agency alone. They demand a more united Protestant strategy and the majority of our synodical student work representatives, when queried concerning this challenge, indicate their

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readiness to cooperate with others in taking steps to develop united programs.

A real debt of gratitude is owed to those who assume responsibility for synodical student work assignments. Many of them give much time to this work and the results of their labors are encouraging to see as one travels through the states.

C. Personnel

The Department of Student Work is related to local types of personnel situations which can be classified in the following manner:

- (1) Student workers* in "near campus" Foundations and Student Centers
- (2) Student workers* in united Protestant campus projects
- (3) College chaplains or pastors (often in combination with teaching assignments) at church-related colleges as well as at some private and a few state sponsored schools.
- (4) Pastors in churches located in college and university communities

There is a developing "professional movement" among these workers, especially among those of the first three categories. In our own case, E&R and CC workers are organized in the Fellowship of Campus Ministry. The FCM holds an annual conference for its members, financial support being shared with us by the CC's.

Some of the problems which we face in the personnel area include: relatively short terms of service (three to four years being "long-term"); salaries which are commensurate with the kinds of persons and training which are needed and necessary for living in an academic community, often faced with opposition because of the "current low" in ministerial salaries of the synod involved (a sister denomination recently called a student worker with a few years of good experience to a field of work in an eastern school, starting salary \$6,000); oft-experience of the worker feeling "alone" in his work; attitude which exists in some segments of the Church of "when are you going to get back in the ministry"; etc.

While there is perhaps much that the Department of Student Work can do with the cooperation of our Synodical Student Work Committees, the Fellowship of Campus Ministry has its own contribution to make in meeting these problems. Its annual summer conference has been of immeasurable help in bringing together persons with like concerns and problems. In addition to a program of concentrated study concerning Christian Faith and Higher Education, it has provided a fellowship which carries through the year. In 1953 the FCM will join with other denominations' workers' groups and the YM-YWCA for an Ecumenical Staff Conference.

In addition to the paid personnel referred to above, we are also deeply indebted to the volunteer service given by faculty and other lay members of the church, as they serve as sponsors and advisors to local and

* Not to imply that work is limited to ministering to students. A growing concern for the whole campus is developing to include work with faculty and persons of the college administration.

and regional student groups. No doubt there are many more of these persons who can and should be enlisted to help in the work. Our students are aware of this and increasingly are going after them.

The PERSONNEL SERVICES of the Department of Student Work are being re-organized to offer services which we trust may be more helpful in securing the best possible candidates for vacancies in student work. A new Personnel Services questionnaire has been developed, patterned after that used by the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. and will be used to develop a file of potential candidates for the kinds of professional staff and ministerial positions listed above. We shall also offer our services for persons interested in witnessing vocationally as Christian faculty.

It is hoped that, with the help of the Fellowship of Campus Ministry, an instrument may be developed which can be offered to local staff and their advisory boards for evaluation of their work.

D. Finances

In reading over the Student Work reports to the Board of recent years, one realizes that there has been increasing interest and concern regarding adequate finances for our program of student work. Originally, a sum of several thousand dollars was available to help in the "initiation of new work" or "to meet emergency situations in work already established". At the meeting of General Synod in 1950, a special grant of \$25,000 was voted to the Board for the support of student work. It is expected that during 1953, the amount to be realized from this voted sum will be approximately \$21,000. Proposals for its use are as follows:

Student Work Grants (to synodically sponsored work)	\$ 15,000
Graduate Associate	3,000
A - Salary	\$1,800
B - Travel	1,000
C - Miscellaneous	200
National Advisory Council	2,000
Purdue Conference	500
Miscellaneous	500

While many of the synods are raising money through their synodical apportionments, it is to be recognized that there must be increased help from national funds. There are many reasons for this. In his 1949 report to the Board, Charles Schwantes recommended: "Because we have gone almost as far as we can in getting student work financed by the synods and the amount is still insufficient and because the total financing of student work puts an unequal load on some synods (e.g. one whose area comprises three states involving five state universities and colleges), we look forward to providing in our national budget an amount for local work at least equal to that which the synods are providing for student work."

Several of the synods have been able to increase their giving to student work over what it was in 1949. The Pennsylvania Synods are making an effort to increase their giving from 5¢ per capita to 8¢ at the spring meetings of the synods this year. North and South Illinois are

giving serious consideration to raising their per capita apportionment. However, we are far from providing an "equal amount" nationally to match what is raised in the synods. There is much to be done and more funds are needed.

Two sets of comparative figures are here offered. In the E&R Church at the present time, approximately \$200,000 is allocated for our eight church-related colleges and \$21,000 for student work (in addition to the regular operational budget of the Department of Student Work). In the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., approximately \$350,000 is allocated for church related colleges, an equal sum of \$350,000 being allocated for student work subsidy to regional and local work. (The Presbyterians are asking that this subsidy for student work be increased to over \$500,000 during the present year.)

Clearer policies need to be developed in regard to the manner in which the Board supports local work, through the synods. Some of our student work is carried on through the work of the Campus Strategy Committee of the United Student Christian Council, in providing united Protestant work on several campuses. A statement of policy regarding the participation of the E&R Church in such situations was submitted to the Executive Committee of the Board in January. It is included with this report as Appendix B. Perhaps a similar agreement should be prepared for our support of student work in general.

Within the next few years, the Lord (and His children) willing, tremendous steps should and can be made in reaching out to the heretofore neglected areas of campus life. But, this work will cost money, and should be considered as one of today's most strategic missionary frontiers for the Church. In the words of a fellow Philadelphian, "What does it profit America if it should gain the whole world and lose its own soul?"

E. Campus Strategy

While most denominationally sponsored student work is on the larger campuses, efforts have been made during recent years to unite Protestant efforts on the smaller campuses. This work has been carried on through the Campus Strategy Committee of the United Student Christian Council. Your Director of Student Work has been designated as the Committee's representative for united work at the University of Buffalo, Buffalo State Teachers College, Cortlandt (N.Y.) State Teachers College and Wayne University, Detroit.

This year has seen little new such united work undertaken, for we are faced with a tough organizational decision. The question centers around what can be done to unite the work of the United Student Christian Council with the Department of Campus Christian Life of the National Council of Churches. We must come to a decision, and in a hurry, for American higher education demands it. Recently a president of a large eastern, state-sponsored university indicated - if the Protestant Churches can't get together, we shall develop our own "protestant" program on the campus and let the churches stay out of the picture. His plea was not for an

"inter-faith" program, but for a recognized three-divisioned program -- Roman Catholic, Jewish, and United Protestant.

On March 21 and 22, a consultation has been called for Atlantic City, with representatives of all the major denominations (staff, faculty, and students). They are called together to come to some decision regarding the emerging Department of Campus Christian Life. A power struggle is developing between those groups and individuals who favor immediate alignment with the National Council of Churches and those who look upon such a move at this time as impossible (for them).

The E&R Department of Student Work has offered an alternative plan for consideration at the Atlantic City meeting -- namely, that a provisional committee sponsored by the Department of Campus Christian Life and the United Student Christian Council, be organized to function for the next three or four years. Several national sub-committees should be authorized (in many cases this would involve taking over the duties of committees which already exist in the United Student Christian Council). These would be committees constructed to provide certain services and resources for all groups in student work. In addition, regional USCC-DCCL committees should be organized, in which people in the field (students, faculty, and staff) could work out regional and state patterns of intercollegiate cooperation which would speak to their needs.

It is hoped that agreement to this or a similar proposal can be secured at the Atlantic City meeting. The time for continuous talking and dodging has long run out. We must unite and get on with work now.

F. Staff Services

During this first year, priority has been given by the Director of Student Work to securing an over-all picture of E&R student work across the country, including our present strength, the places where general strengthening is needed, as well as giving time to some of the specific problems which face us in moving forward in our work in higher education. The latter reveals need for clarification of our policies and procedures followed by concentrated effort in putting them to work.

Among the enjoyable portions of this year's work has been the close working relationship with other members of the staff, sharing in the total program of the Board. At the present time, conversations are taking place regarding the joint responsibility which the Departments of Youth, Adult, and Student Work recognize for our "forgotten older young people" (18 to 24 year olds). Another assignment with real challenge is the assignment to the Committee on the Bible and Theology of the Joint CC and E&R staff committee for the Church School Curriculum.

One of the most fortunate things to happen this year has been the securing of an office secretary who has helped immeasurably in getting under way in this work. Mrs. Thora K. Brown has assumed her responsibilities with great skill and enthusiasm, relieving the Director from much office routine.

A proposal for a graduate associate in the Department was submitted to the Executive Committee of the Board. (See Appendix C) With their approval, Siegfried Kagawa was secured to serve from January through June 1953 and Jean Walker from June, 1953 to June 1954. Because of his encounter with the Selective Service officials, Siegfried was unable to join us until February 23rd. After two weeks, a recurrence of a previous illness has made it necessary for him to give up his work for the time being. He hopes to return to work within a few weeks.

G. Conferences

Intercollegiate conferences, which have long been central to student Christian life, were held in most of the states, where we have students, during the current academic year. The pattern of holding a conference in the fall, as well as in the spring of each school year, plus a leadership workshop or institute during the course of the year, is becoming quite regular in our student groups. The Director has participated in five such conferences this year. Many of these conferences are moving from their traditional denominational pattern into a more ecumenical plan. In recent years most of the "ecumenical" experiences were limited to the national conferences and we hope that the present trend will continue.

National conferences co-sponsored by the Department of Student Work during this present year, include:

For College and Seminary Students - 1952 Christmas Study Conferences - sponsored by the United Student Christian Council. Theme - "The Role of the Christian Student in the CHURCH, the UNIVERSITY, and the WORLD STRUGGLE".

For All Interested in Higher Education - Purdue Conference on Christian Education, June 30-July 3, 1953 - Special Seminars on "Religious Perspectives in College Teaching"; "The Church's Ministry in the College Community"; and "Christian Faith and Student Life"

For Seminary Students - Interseminary Movement Conference, June 11-16, 1953, Columbus, Ohio - "The Church, the Churches, and the Bible"

For Faculty - Ecumenical Conference of the newly formed Faculty Christian Fellowship - June 18-23, 1953, Parkville, Mo. - "The Teaching Responsibilities of Christian Faculty"

For Student Workers, College Chaplains, and College Town Pastors - Ecumenical Student Workers Conference, August 16-22, 1953. College Camp, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin - "The Message of the Gospel and the University"

For Students - United Student Fellowship National Assembly (National student movement for the CC and E&R Churches) - August 27-September 2, 1953, Marietta, Ohio - "The Nature and Destiny of United Student Fellowship"

H. Program Resources and Publications

USCC STUDY DEPARTMENT - Support by the United Student Fellowship and our Board has paid off in large dividends during this academic year. Three study books have been produced, entitled The Christian Student in ... the Church ... the University ... the World Struggle. Originally prepared for

use at the Christmas Study Quadrennials, they are now being used on many campuses for "through the year study groups". The book on the world struggle was recently reviewed by Huber Klemme in "Christian Community" and rated as tops for use by all groups interested in an analysis of the present world crises.

Several other notable materials have been produced such as the Bible study guide, the "Unfolding Drama of the Bible", written by Bernhard W. Anderson and published by Association Press. The "Christian Beliefs" series published by our Board are also excellent for use in student programs.

CHURCH AND HOME SERIES in our curriculum is being used by a number of our Sunday morning student classes. A commission of the United Student Fellowship is making a study of these books, looking forward to a wider usage.

RESOURCE is the name which has been suggested for a proposed service to be offered by the Department of Student Work. With the help of the Fellowship of Campus Ministry, it is hoped that RESOURCE will provide a non-scheduled mailing including reviews and samples of carefully selected books and program resource materials. There is a possibility that such services can be provided by a central, united Protestant agency thus our start is being help up for the present.

PERIODICALS

The United Student Fellowship Newsletter will have been published four times during this school year. It is produced by a student committee and seeks to weld together E&R and CC students into a nationwide fellowship.

The special issue of YOUTH has been well received on many of our campuses. One recommendation made by several persons asks that consideration given to a plan whereby this special student issue can become an "orientation issue" for prospective college students among our high school seniors.

The Messenger is soon to be presented to our students at a special 8-month subscription rate of \$1.50 per school year. It is hoped that this can be promoted at spring meetings of our synods this year and a large number of subscriptions secured for the new school year in September '53. This has been arranged in response to a request of the United Student Fellowship, as one step in which students can participate as responsible church men and women.

The Methodist Student Movement publishes an excellent magazine, Motive. Students at last summer's USF Assembly decided to make special efforts to interest E&R and CC students in becoming regular readers of the magazine. Motive was chosen in preference to the Intercollegian, the magazine of the student Y.M.-Y.W.C.A. which had been subsidized by our Board several years ago. From time to time, there has been much concern expressed for an ecumenical student journal. In the Student Work Report of 1950 it was indicated that a decision regarding such a publication was to be made in 1950-51. It wasn't. So today we are still where we were several years ago on this matter.

For faculty and staff we have the promise of a very good ecumenical publication. The Journal of Christian Higher Education has recently been re-christened The Christian Scholar. It is now published by the Commission on Higher Education of the National Council of Churches and should be most helpful, at points where such help is needed. Copies of this publication are made available to certain of our workers without charge.

PUBLICATIONS to be prepared at the PURDUE CONFERENCE

It is hoped that afternoon workshops at Purdue will provide the basic material for the publication of several pamphlets around the following interests: the college town church; a pamphlet for faculty, listing resources available to help them in their Christian vocation; "So You Are Going to College", a pamphlet for use by pastors and others in counselling with their young people as they prepare to enter college.

I. Vocational Recruiting -- Life Enlistment -- Student Volunteer Movement

The work of the Committee on Life Enlistment is centered with Charles and Estred Schwantes in St. Mary's, Ohio. We forward all correspondence to them which comes to our office regarding this committee's work. Final disposition of this work is to take place following action by General Synod on the report of its study committee.

We must continue to recognize the peculiar responsibility and opportunity that workers with students have in recruiting young people for church-sponsored vocations. Even more obvious is the opportunity which is ours in bringing students face to face with God's demands upon them to serve Him in their daily work, whatever its special skills may be, as Christians committed to witness vocationally.

Cooperating with the Student Volunteer Movement (missionary recruiting agency of the Churches), we seek to keep this as one of our central tasks -- to enlist, prepare, and send candidates for Christian vocations, all students whom we can possibly challenge.

J. Faculty

A recent emergent in higher education has been the steady growth of an intercollegiate Christian movement among faculty. In several sections of the country, faculty committees have been organized under the sponsorship of the YM-YWCA. In the east, the Student Christian Movements of New England, New York, and the Middle Atlantic Region, have been developing regional, intercollegiate faculty committees who have turned their attention to the field of the Christian's role in his vocation as teacher. Along with these developments, several of the churches have begun intensive work among their own faculty. Most highly developed is that of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Annual conferences are held in several sections of the country, the expenses being paid by the Church, bringing together faculty for intensive weeks of study and retreat. The results are far-reaching in the re-newed commitment on the part of many faculty to witness as responsible churchmen and women in their vocation.

Within the last year, upon the initiative of the Episcopal faculty movement, and under the sponsorship of the Commission on Higher Education of the National Council of Churches, an embryonic Faculty Christian Fellowship has appeared. The first conference of this group is reported in section I-G of this report. We are attempting to recruit some of our key faculty for this conference, hoping they will serve to stimulate others.

A special faculty section is being held at the Purdue Conference, some of the leadership being provided by this Faculty Christian Fellowship.

There are several non-church agencies already making excellent contributions to this emerging movement. Among others, we would list the Edward W. Hazen Foundation and the National Council on Religion in Higher Education.

For too many years we have looked to faculty, primarily in terms of what they could do to help us in our student centered program. As our attention moves to a more inclusive campus-wide concern, faculty are being considered in terms of their own needs. The period of their "exploitation," as it has been called by one faculty member, is being brought to an end.

K. Cooperation with the Congregational Christian Churches

While our churches remain separate denominations, we enjoy a close working relationship with Dr. Bryant Drake and his Department of Higher Education of the Congregational Christian Churches. Distance between offices is the biggest single obstacle toward much desired closer cooperation. We are indebted to Dr. Drake for his work which directly serves the constituency of our Church and its program of student work.

II. "STUDENT MOVEMENT" - Campus Christian Life in Student and Faculty Fellowships

A. United Student Fellowship

The United Student Fellowship was organized in 1948 at a time when the merger of the E&R and CC Churches seemed imminent. When the merger process was retarded, USF decided to stay together. Quoting from the USF Constitution:

"The purpose of the United Student Fellowship shall be:

- A. To unite all college and university students (graduate and undergraduate), especially those of the constituent denominations, into effective fellowship.
- B. To confront the campus community in its total life with the Christian faith and with the necessity of commitment to the Gospel of Christ, and to inspire students to witness to that Christian faith.
- C. To develop active and responsible church members.

- D. To further effective participation in the United Student Christian Council and in the World Student Christian Federation.
- E. To foster the sharing of worthwhile ideas, methods and programs with interested individuals and groups.

The preamble of the Constitution reads: "The United Student Fellowship affirms its membership in the Christian Church Universal, and its particular relationship to the Christian student community throughout the world; and it works to the end that all may be one in Christ."

Committed to the ecumenical movement, the United Student Fellowship is faced with the necessity of making a decision -- of coming to a clearer understanding of its purpose and mission in American college life. In the east, students of the E&R and CC Churches participate in the YM-YWCA, Church co-sponsored Student Christian Movements. In the mid-west, where denominational life is more separate, state-wide and local United Student Fellowship groups are the pattern.

Committed to "open-ness" concerning God's will for them, the USF is holding a special study assembly (reported in section I-G of this report). It is hoped that the road ahead may become more clear through this Assembly.

As part of their program for the biennium (1952-54), the USF is seeking to support the United Student Christian Council, the World Student Christian Federation, projects for mission stations in the Philippines and India, as well as their own administrative and program budgets. While they are earnest in carrying their own financial responsibility, support from the budget of the Board will again be necessary.

B. Membership in the World Student Christian Federation

American student Christian life is one of more than 40 national student movements to participate in the World Student Christian Federation. E&R and CC students are part of the WSCF's life through membership of United Student Fellowship in the United Student Christian Council. The program of staff services and conferences, as well as the study materials prepared by the WSCF, are of tremendous significance in this world-wide Christian fellowship. To date, USF has been unable to meet the total quota which has been assigned to it. As in recent years, we can count on some help from our own Board of International Missions as well as the Division of Christian Education of the CC Churches. A sum of \$1000.00, which had been contributed by our own Commission on World Service, will have to be provided through other means, since the Commission is unable to assume this responsibility any longer.

USF sent two delegates to the WSCF General Committee meeting in Poona, India this January. Dave King (CC) and Paul Fenske (E&R) were partly financed by the USF, with the major share of expenses being provided by our Board and that of the Congregational Christian Churches. Paul Fenske also attended the World Conference of Christian Youth at Travencore. Dave and Paul will be visiting campuses in this country

during the last few months of this school year, and their report should do much to help our students recognize their responsibilities for the continued life of the WSCF.

G. Membership in the United Student Christian Council

The United Student Fellowship is a member group of the United Student Christian Council. Originally organized to provide a united vehicle for American participation in the World Student Christian Federation, the USCC has since found itself involved in continuous negotiations and study concerning the "emerging united student Christian movement" in America. The future of the USCC is still to be decided for it is involved in the current negotiations regarding the development of the Department of Campus Christian Life in the National Council of Churches (reported in section I-E).

D. Representation on Boards and Agencies of the E&R Church

Although action has been taken by the Executive Committee of the United Student Fellowship to request representation at the meetings of several of our Boards and agencies, this has not been pursued to date. Among other reasons for this delay, the matter of expense is not an insignificant item.

E. Graduate Students

While the purpose of the USF is clear in its inclusiveness, it is primarily an undergraduate movement. We must confess, with most of the other denominations, that we are doing very little with graduate students at this time. On some campuses, there appears to develop real concern and actual program experience with graduates, but this is still scattered. In most instances, this work is carried on through united Protestant efforts.

F. Theological Students

The Department of Student Work is eager to cooperate with the Interseminary Movement in its program among theological students. While the relationship of our Church is quite clear to students in our own seminaries, there appears to be a need for some responsible body within the church to take initiative to help E&R students at non-E&R seminaries to be related more directly to the church. There seems to be need for clarification regarding where the center of responsibility should be located for the development of efforts to meet this need.

G. Summer Service

Interpretation and promotion of summer vocational opportunities are part of our annual program. These service projects provide opportunity for students to remove themselves from the ivy halls and live along side of people who are faced with problems of every day living. The rising expenses of a college education continue to disqualify increasing numbers of students, highly remunerative employment for the summer months becoming a necessity for many.

READING AND MAKING HISTORY

Higher education owes its origin to the faith and life of the church. The church's concern for education brought forth many schools. The passing of the years saw an increasing denial of that very faith in God as we know Him in Jesus Christ. The gods of scientific humanism slowly took over the reins of educational philosophy and practice.

Today, much of the protective sophistication of modern life has been shattered -- there is no place to hide -- and many answers which were accepted uncritically a generation ago, are now repudiated. The gods of Baal offer no more deliverance in 1953 than in the days of Jeremiah.

Even a few years ago, immediately after the war, there was much hope that colleges and universities were really concerned to take their heritage seriously again. However, much of this appeared to be mere desire to regain "respectability" in the eyes of the world, by introducing certain minimal measures to our schools, hoping the impression could be given that religious faith was again important in the academic world. But even such "half-way" commitments have ways of becoming too uncomfortable to remain inert, and history moves along and anxiety grows -- and today there is an increasing number of our faculty and college administrators who are seeking to know whether the Christian Faith has anything to say to our predicament. This is a time for hard witness and great acts of faith -- and there is a response -- certainly not in the large numbers which we would want to see, but a rise from deep longing to have MEANING for living.

As the history of higher education has groaned on, Christian concern to meet the challenge of the secular answers to life's meaning, has taken form in the organization of institutions to carry on a program of student work on the campuses. The early development of the great lay movements of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A., followed by the Student Volunteer Movement, initiated lasting contributions to this work which are still being made.

In more recent years, the churches have sought to accept part of the responsibility for carrying a Christian ministry to the campus. Early stages of this found them concerned with "holding their young people for life in the churches after college". Recently, however, there has begun a growing conviction that this is not an adequate view of the mission which must be that of the church. We begin to hear utterances of and some actual commitments to, a view which says that together, Christians in the Church must carry forth a challenging ministry in our schools and universities which will assist students, faculty, and administrators to respond to the Call of God to witness as churchmen and women in their vocations on the campus. The world cries for dedicated servants -- but the need is not just for dedication and for service, for these are valid needs only if the service is dedicated to the Lord of history.

We are called to dedicate our work to Him, "that all may be one.
....that the world might believe....."

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As was mentioned at the beginning, this report is being sent to members of the National Advisory Council for Student Work as a preparatory paper to the Council's first meeting. While the report raises many issues and offers some suggestions, specific recommendations to the Board will be drawn up following the meeting of the Council. We regret that the members of the Board have been burdened with such a lengthy report which judgment indicated necessary at this time.

I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Board for this opportunity to serve the Church. Thanks are also given to the other members of the staff, especially Dr. Sheeder, for their assistance in my orientation.

We would also express a special note of appreciation to the Board from the entire Helmich family for the help which we have enjoyed in the securing of our new home.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Hartland H. Helmich

APPENDIX A

CAMPUS CHRISTIAN WORK SPONSORED THROUGH THE SYNODS

ILLINOIS - North Illinois and South Illinois Synods

Both synods are represented on the joint E&R-CC governing board at the University of Illinois. Each has assumed responsibility for other schools as follows:

North Illinois - support of the Porter Foundation (E&R-CC and Presbyterian) at the University of Chicago; support of a program centered in the E&R Church for students at Elmhurst College; support of work with students at Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, and Illinois State Normal University, Normal, centered in the E&R Church in Bloomington.

South Illinois - support of United Protestant Foundation at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Negotiations are under way to constitute a joint state-wide E&R committee from the two synods to carry on the work throughout the state, as well as continuing the relationship at the University of Illinois.

Synodical apportionments - North Illinois, less than 5¢; South Illinois - 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

IOWA - Iowa Synod

The synod participates in a joint, state-wide E&R-CC committee for student work. The following local work is supported: student center and worker at Iowa State College, Ames; worker at the University of Iowa, centered in the First Congregational Church of Iowa City; part-time workers at the State Teachers College, Cedar Falls and Drake University, Des Moines. Synodical apportionment - 10¢

INDIANA and MICHIGAN - Michigan Indiana and South Indiana Synods

Student work committees exist in both synods. Work jointly supported by the synods includes: student center and worker at the University of Indiana, Bloomington, in cooperation with the CC's and E&R's; work at Purdue University, centered in the E&R Church in Lafayette.

Work supported by Michigan-Indiana Synod alone: United Protestant Foundation at Michigan State College, East Lansing; work centered in the E&R Church at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; cooperative work with the Presbyterian Church at Wayne University, Detroit.

Synodical apportionment: 5¢

MISSOURI and KANSAS - Missouri Valley and Kansas City Synods

Both synods support the student center and worker at the University of Missouri, Columbia. In addition, Missouri Valley supports a worker in St. Louis for Washington University, Kansas City making some money available for work in Kabsas.

Synodical apportionment: Figures not in hand

NEBRASKA - Nebraska Synod

The CC's and Presbyterians support a center and two workers at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. Nebraska Synod is now considering entrance into the student work field, with proportionate support being proposed for work in Nebraska and Iowa. A joint meeting with CC's is expected to be held shortly.

Synodical apportionment: None, to date; 5¢ is proposed.

NEW YORK - New York and West New York Synods

West New York supports: Protestant student work in Buffalo for the University of Buffalo and Buffalo STC; Protestant chaplains at Cortlandt STC and Fredonia STC. Several years ago an agreement was reached by both synods to support the Student Christian Movement in N.Y. State. At the present time, \$200.00 is given to the SCM by West New York Synod, none by New York Synod. Negotiations and joint meetings with the CC's, who have an advanced program in New York state, are now being pursued, and Spring Synod meetings will be considering a reinstatement of revised plans of the original proposals for a state-wide cooperative program with the CC's.

Synodical apportionment: New York, none at present; West New York - figures not available. Several years ago both were 5¢.

OHIO - Northeast Ohio, Northwest Ohio, Southeast Ohio, and Southwest Ohio Synods

A state-wide committee, representing the four synods, supports the following projects: student center and worker at Ohio State University, Columbus; united Protestant work at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green; Kent State University, Kent; University of Ohio at Athens; and University of Miami, Oxford. During the past year, the committee has been asked to consider support of a worker on the Heidelberg campus.

Synodical apportionments: 7¢ for each synod

PENNSYLVANIA, NEW JERSEY, MARYLAND, DELAWARE, WEST VIRGINIA, and the DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - Central Pennsylvania, East Pennsylvania, Lancaster, Lehigh, Mercersburg, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Potomac, Reading, and Susquehanna Synods

An intersynodical committee for student work is responsible for the following work: provision of one worker and sharing in the program of the Student Christian Movement in the Middle Atlantic Region, including states mentioned above; worker and participation in the Christian Association at the University of Pennsylvania and other schools in Philadelphia, in cooperation with the CC's; part-time worker at Pennsylvania State College with work centered at the E&R Church in State College (negotiations are under way to work out a cooperative relationship between work at the State College E&R Church and the Christian Association on the campus, looking forward to providing a full-time staff person for the joint assignment); joint program for student work, in cooperation with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. has been authorized, funds have been allocated, and staff is now being sought. Work is to be centered in the Presbyterian Church, near the University of Pittsburgh campus.

Synodical apportionments: 5¢ for each synod (Potomac participating for the first year) and an increase by all synods to 8¢ is being sought.

NORTH CAROLINA - Southern Synod

While there is no student center in North Carolina, a combination of CC and E&R Churches located in college towns offers real opportunity for responsible student work at many schools. Consultations are being held to develop such work.

Synodical apportionments: none at present designated for student work.

WISCONSIN - North and South Wisconsin Synods

Support by both synods of two workers and a student center at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Synodical apportionments: North Wisconsin - figures not available; South Wisconsin, 8¢

OTHER STATES - In many other states, additional work supported by the Congregational Christian Churches is made available to E&R students.

APPENDIX B

STATEMENT OF POLICY concerning the way in which the Evangelical and Reformed Church participates in USCC Campus Strategy situations.

1. All policy and financial decisions for student work are ultimately in the hands of the authorized body within the local Synod of the Church. The general practice is to give this authority to the Synod's Committee on Christian Education which in turn appoints a student work representative who works through a sub-committee for student work.
2. The Department of Student Work of the Board of Christian Education serves as the representative of the whole Church in advising the synodical representatives in their responsibilities for providing a ministry on the campuses within their geographical bounds.
3. Money from the Board of Christian Education is available for local work, and such work as comes under the care of the USCC Campus Strategy Committee ranks high on the Board's list of priorities. However, grants from the Board are not made directly to the local project, but only through the recognized channels of the Synod, as outlined above.
4. Where the E&R Church participates in united projects, representation is sought in the directing bodies of the project, especially for the consideration of such matters as personnel, budget, and program counsel.

In other words, final authority for student work on the local and regional levels is in the hands of the proper synodical representatives. The Department of Student Work of the Board of Christian Education advises and assists these representatives in the development of policy and in the support of projects within each Synod's geographical bounds.

The Department of Student Work will make every effort to help provide responsible E&R participation wherever it is convinced that the E&R Church should share in such united efforts.

The Department of Student Work believes that the present number of projects under the care of the USCC Campus Strategy Committee is only a beginning -- and looks forward toward greater efforts in the development of many more such projects where such a united ministry is needed.

APPENDIX C

PROPOSAL for a GRADUATE ASSOCIATE in the Department of Student Work

This proposal is for a pilot experiment of providing a "traveling ambassador for Christ" who would be available to spend a major part of his or her time in "living along side" of our groups of students across the country. The persons to be considered for such work will need to be especially keen in sharing their own convictions of Christian faith and experience. They will need to have been engaged in deep probing of the relevance of the Christian Faith to the intellectual disciplines of campus life. They should also have an understanding of life as it is lived "away from the ivy halls" where people live in communities often concerned with "making a living" rather than "living a life".

Beginning suggestions for a job description (final to be drafted in consultation with the associate)

- The Graduate Associate would be responsible to the Department of Student Work and represent the interest of the total Church in our ministry among students and faculty across the country.
- As traveling ambassador (approximately 60 to 80% of the time) for
 - "On-Campus" United Student Christian Fellowships
 - "Near-Campus" denominational fellowships
 - College Town Churches for counselling with students and other older youth concerning their church responsibility and opportunity
 - Regional and state conferences for students, perhaps as speaker, but more as a living example of how "mature students" can lead discussions and develop and demonstrate small group study methods (Bible study groups and others)
 - "Living in" our church-related colleges for several days, sharing in the life of a typical week.....classroom attendance, opportunities for worship, meetings with groups responsible for the organized religious life on the campus, and "bull-sessions", (especially in the living units and faculty homes).
 - Begin to "seek out" graduate students who seem to hibernate from organized religious life during their graduate student days
 - Counsel with "lay-advisors" and pastors in the home churches
 - Meeting with high school students in preparation for college life
 - Counselor during summer camp program
 - Share in the "appeal" to young people for Christian vocational considerations
- As worker in the office (from 20 to 40% of the time)
 - Follow through with personal correspondence and contact
 - students who have been active in high school youth fellowships (especially those who have carried synodical and national responsibilities)
 - Students who have participated in denominational youth caravans as well as Ecumenical work camps both here and abroad
 - Students from other lands who need to be introduced to our local

student fellowships and college town churches and welcomed into full membership. (Names and school addresses of these students are available from the Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students.)

- Correspond with students who can benefit from their experience concerning their responsibility as students (both personally and for the program among their fellow students on the local level)
- When and if the work of the Committee on Life Enlistment returns to the Department of Student Work
 - to share the responsibility for initial correspondence and contact with young people who are eager to consider their decisions concerning life work as a Christian vocation.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT WORK

1953

Young Adult Work, Parent Education, Christian Family Life, Home Department and Study for Adults have been expedited in a measure commensurate with the time and secretarial help available. Your attention is directed to weightier matters, matters of enough import to gain the attention of prophets and seers. We believe all Board members qualify and we therefore take the liberty to refer you to ...

New Approach to Adults

The Women's Guild, Churchmen's Brotherhood and Department of Adult Work have unitedly issued our first monthly program book for adults. Such a voluntary united approach to adults in the local church has not been made in any Protestant denominational leadership anywhere. What such cooperation holds for the future is not **known**, save to the prophets and the seers. But it must be explored!

Young Adult Potential

The Board and Staff would do well to discuss the implications for our church of the amount of time, money and energy now given to program, field work and planning for young adults. They and their children are the "high potential" group of the Christian Church. How long shall we give this work limited support? Should we obtain the services of an associate, or a secretarial assistant? Should the present incumbent (giving one-sixth or shall we say one-sixtieth of his time) be assigned responsibility for audio visuals alone? What will be the disposition of General Synod to this two-way operation?

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Discussion requested -- action needed!

Lay People in the Church

Twelve years in the pastorate and eight years in the pew plus many other deductions of far-reaching implication for Protestantism have convinced me that our Church should place far more emphasis on the following:

1. Lay people can and should carry leadership in church worship as more than collectors of money or as choir members.
2. Lay people have a potential contribution they can make to the church which will never be made under the reign of present-day clericalism.
3. Lay people can be prepared to lead and teach, but we will need to find a new form of leadership training for it. The cell group method may be that new form.
4. Lay people are willing to be moved by the Holy Spirit, to try new things, to work in new ways, if we will let the Holy Spirit work.

5. The church is both lay people and clerics ... and more. We have need of a method by which the rich contributions in art, writing, teaching and other skills and talents of adults may be used for the glory of God and the furtherance of His Kingdom.

Program Packet for Young Adults

The following packet of materials is made available to Young Adult groups:

1. Christian World Facts 1953, by Division of Foreign Missions*
2. More Than Doctrine, by the World Council of Churches
3. Report of the North American Lay Conference
on the Christian and His Daily Work, by Division of
Christian Life and Work.*
4. On the Job Dilemmas of Christian Laymen, by Division of
Christian Life and Work.*
5. Communism, by the Committee on World Literacy and Christian
Literature
6. The Churches and Agricultural Policy, by Division of Christian
Life and Work.*
7. Christian Responsibility Toward Some Ethical Problems in
Inflation, by Division of Christian Life and Work.*
8. THE BIBLE SPEAKS TO US, by the Women's Guild, Churchmen's
Brotherhood and the Department of Adult Work of the
Board of Christian Education and Publication of the
Evangelical and Reformed Church

*-National Council of the Churches of Christ

Purdue Conference (Young Adult Conference)

Plans are going forward for a representative meeting of young adult persons from every Synod in the church. It is hoped that we may lay a real foundation for future young adult work in the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Audio Visuals

We are engaged in producing a new series of color filmstrips to be used with the new cycle in conjunction with the Church and Home and the Pilgrim Series Curriculum.

Oct. - Dec. 1953	Our Protestant Heritage
Jan. - Mar. 1954	The Church Around the World
Apr. - June 1954	The Difference
July - Sept. 1954	Christians Worship
Oct. - Dec. 1954	Palestine in Jesus' Day, Part I
Jan. - Mar. 1955	Palestine in Jesus' Day, Part II
Apr. - June 1955	God and His World
July - Sept. 1955	And Jesus Said

Subjects are planned for the third year,
but exact titles are not yet determined.

We are in production on the following Christian Education filmstrips:

The Children's Charter	(color)
Christian Symbols	(color)
March On With Strength	(color)
The Ten Commandments	(color)
Amos (Barosin)	(color)

In sound filmstrips we expect to release records with "Life of Christ".

In 16mm. sound motion picture films we have ready

"By All Means" 22 minute (color) film done in Sunbury, Penna.

We are in the planning stage with the 16 mm. sound film on

"Life of Christ" (Barosin) 30 minute (color)

After more downs than ups in secretarial assistance it is with some real sense of gratitude that one gives thanks for the help again of a capable secretary. If the Board does not already know, it should be made aware of the high regard with which our C. E. family holds Frank Sheeder. You should know too of the esprit' de corps (I learned that from Th. Mueller at Elmhurst, a great school) that exists between staff members. It could be that we get along so well together because we are never together, but that is not the case.

Respectfully submitted,

Oscar J. Rumpf

DEPARTMENT OF CAMPS AND CONFERENCES

It is a rather difficult thing to categorize one's work when it applies to so many varied scenes. However, the general spread of the task of this department can be placed under three major headings, namely (1) The denominational program in camps and conferences; (2) The Special Committee on Camps and Conferences of the National Council of Churches; (3) Selection and screening of the candidates for Ecumenical Workcamps in U.S. and abroad. It is to these three areas that this report will dedicate itself.

Camps and Conferences

The growth in the number of camp and conference periods and in the number of campers and delegates has never been phenomenal in any one year; yet, it has been steady year after year. Therefore, it is not too surprising to note that when comparing figures with those of five camping seasons ago in both brackets the figures have practically doubled themselves-

Camp Periods	1948 - 49
	1952 - 109

Campers	1948 - 5,120
	1952 - 8,672

It should be said, also, that the percentage of increase in the number of summer periods (and a proportionate increase in the number of campers) has been purposely curtailed by this department (in consultation with other departments concerned) because of the lack of trained leaders available - especially in the Junior and Junior High fields.

Our glaring need continues to be that of additional training for our leaders. The largest single item in this department's budget must necessarily be for this purpose. Even though our Camp Directors' Conference, Recreation Directors' Workshop and Junior Camp Leaders' Training Session continue to grow in numbers and importance, plus our underwriting the expense of sending delegates to interdenominational training programs, it is still true that our training program is not keeping apace with our increase in proposed programs. The next ten years will necessarily see a greatly expanded training program if we are

to keep abreast of the demand for more camp and conference period.

In 1952, ten additional programs joined the decentralized ranks. Of this number, four were "old-line" programs, while six were entirely new. This brought the total number of decentralized groups to 50. Twenty-three were still under the full jurisdiction of this department. Of this number, however, 17 were in Pennsylvania, represented by Camps Mensch Mill, Fernbrook and Central Penn. The others were Lone Star (2), Sunflower(1) and three Family Weeks at Dunkirk. The remaining 36 periods represent 5 independent and 31 cooperative (J & R - C. C.). These latter are held in Minnesota (6) Missouri (4) Colorado (1) S. California (6) N. California (6) Oregon (5) Washington (3).

"Nothing takes the place of experience" is a sometimes questionable adage. However, it is proving itself in relation to the Synodical Camp Committees which are carrying the responsibility for decentralized periods. Each year they find it easier to carry the details of the job in preparation for the season and in closing out the details after the period is over.

The Workshops set-up for the first time in 1952 met with more or less success - more success at those two sites (Michaux and Mission House) where the period operated for 3 days; less at those sites (Dunkirk and Mensch Mill) where a 6-day period had been planned. Full records of the experience at each place were kept, with the result that the wisdom of continuing these workshops on a three day basis seems advisable. It is probable that as these workshops become permanently established, they will provide the summertime outlet for older youth and adults for whom in these latter years, the traditional L.T.S. program has not appeared adequate.

The coming summer will find 19 more programs on the decentralized list. The period at Mensch Mill (5), Fernbrook (9), Central Penn (3) and Lone Star (2) are those in question. This will leave only Sunflower and the three Family Weeks on the department roster. -

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The summer of 1953 will find additionally four Junior Camps and two Junior High Camps on our lists. All of these are in areas where these age groups are already a part of the regular on-going program. Thus, a nucleus of trained leadership is already available.

Family Weeks at Dunkirk were over-full in 1952. For the first time prospective campers for these periods had to be turned away. Dielmann Center also showed an increase in attendance in its Family Camp. An interdenominational Family Camp held in Missouri included four E & R people on its staff.

Attendance Figures in 1952

Juniors.	1,828	
Junior Highs	2,819	
Senior Highs	1,216	
L.T.S.	502	
Family	738	
Workshops.	258	
Total Campers		7,361
Staff members		1,311
Grand Total		8,672

1951 Total figures 7,816 (6,534 Campers, 1,282 Staff)

The 1953 picture

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Number of periods</u>				
	<u>A</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>C*</u>	<u>Total</u>
Junior		27		7	34
Junior High		27	4	14	45
Senior High		12	3	10	25
Senior High L.T.S.	1	6			7
L.T.S.		1			1
Family	3	1			4
Workshops		2			2
Total periods	4	73	7	31	118

A - Department Administration

D - Decentralized

I - Independent

C - Cooperative

(E&R-C.C.)

Another experimental Junior High Camp will be held at Fernbrook this summer. Leaders from areas in which the possibility of small-group camping is evident have been invited to serve on this staff. In this way "in-camp training" is held. One-half of the staff will be trained persons, while the other half will be trainees. A five-day orientation period will be held before campers arrive. Those being trained this year will serve as directors in their home areas next summer.

Our other denominational training opportunities will be - (1) The National Camp Directors' Conference at Dunkirk Conference Grounds, May 13, 14; (2) The

Junior Camp Leaders' Training Session, at Camp Talahi, Michigan June 2-5; (3) The Recreation Directors' Workshop in conjunction with Purdue Conference June 29 - July 3.

Special Committee on Camps and Conferences

The fact that there has been no National Council executive for this committee since October has meant that added responsibility has been placed upon this committee. The church camp field is moving out so rapidly that even with an executive it was hard to keep up with it. Now it is even more difficult. The result has been that more and more of this Director's time has been given at this point.

Last spring ten four-day training sessions were held at various places across the country. The writer helped with two in Texas; Bernice Buehler helped with one in New York state and one in Western Pennsylvania. From August 15 to Sept. 11th, the second National Camp for Church Camp leaders was held under the direction of Dr. L. B. Sharp.

In October a four-day Workshop on Campsite Development was held at Bynden Wood, Wernersville, Pa. Architects, both building and landscape, and representatives of many agencies working in this field were a part of this workshop.

This director has been asked by the National Council to carry the administrative responsibility, as well as the chairmanship of the Special Committee. Therefore, a good bit of his personal time has been channeled interdenominationally. He, therefore, has had a number of engagements directed to him from other denominations via the National Council. These have included -

Campsite Development Consultation with South Dakota Conference, North Indiana Conference, East Pennsylvania Conference, West Pennsylvania Conference, all E.U.B. Church; Vermont Council of Churches (as a member of consultants); Camp Cho-Yeh, Brazos Presbytery (Texas); Camp New Hope, Orange Presbytery (North Carolina) both Presbyterian Church U.S.

Camp and Conference Seminars

E.U.B. National Directors' Conference, Akron, Ohio; Vermont Conference Congregational Christian Churches, Newbury, Vermont; Episcopal National Camp Evaluation Seminar, Greenwich, Connecticut; Assembly's Training School and Union Seminary Joint Convocation, Richmond Virginia (Presbyterian Church U.S.)

Training Camps

Texas-Oklahoma Synod, Presbyterian Church U.S. at Camp Cho-Yeh, Livingston, Texas; West New York Conference, Methodist Church, Chestertown, N. Y.

These engagements have been listed only to show the tremendous pressure being exerted by practically every denomination for qualified leadership in all aspects of camp and conference development.

Projected training and evaluation sessions for the immediate future are -

Six four-day camp training camps

Camp New Hope, North Carolina, May 4-8
Camp Mound Ridge, Missouri, May 4-8
Camp Sky Lake, New York, April 20-24
Camp Lapeer, Michigan, May 4-8
Pilgrim Pines, S. California, April 27-30
Ta-La-Wa, N. California, April 20-24

Of our staff, these will be involved - Irene Balliet (New York) Ethel Shellenberger (Michigan) Schlingman (California) Wintermeyer (Missouri).

Third National Camp for Church Camp Leaders

National Camp, Port Jervis, N. Y., August 1-29.

Schlingman will assist with this camp.

Experimental Junior Camp at American Baptist Assembly Green Lake, Wisconsin, August 10-30. Miss Balliet and another E & R representative will help with this program.

Evaluation Seminars on Summer Conferences in

Washington D. C., St. Louis and California, January and February 1954.

In an effort to help denominations develop their camp programs on a common basis, program guidance materials have now been developed for both Junior and Junior High camps. A three-year cycle is prepared for Junior High, and two years of a three-year cycle for Junior Camps. Experimental camps were held as a part of the development process for each of these. Our Christian Education Press has already published the Junior High guide, "Living Together as Christian" (1952) and is preparing to publish the Junior guide for 1954 "Juniors in God's World". Other publishers are handling the others. E & R staff persons were involved in all these experiments.

The 1953 materials are:- Junior - "Learning to Live Together as Christians"; and Junior High -

"Stewards in God's World". For 1954 the Junior High guide will be "Camping and Christian Living". Junior is listed above.

Ecumenical Work Camps

The closer the world seems to bursting into flames the more eager young people appear to wish to undergird international understanding. One international ecumenical program which does not suffer from a dearth of aspirants is the work camping program.

In spite of the jeers of those who cannot understand why anyone would want to "pay" to work, there continues to be a steady stream of applicants for work camp units. Already at this early writing (March 1) there are more applications than can possibly be granted places; and they will continue to come in up to the day of sailing!

In 1952 we had fourteen persons (again the total number who applied) accepted for service either in overseas or domestic work-camps. Of this number, twelve actually served. Two had to drop out for personal reasons. One served on the unit at Shannondale. Nine served in Europe. Of this number The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Stoerker acted as co-directors in Austria. Two were accepted for Japan.

We need to express appreciation again to the Commission on World Service for making sizeable scholarships available for overseas work-campers. Without this help, more than half of those who were accepted would have had to default. The Youth Department supplemented this aid by additional grants.

Under the Caravan section in the Youth Department Report, an account is given of the caravan-work project in Honduras. Suffice it to say here that this project resulted in some important findings concerning service units in our own denominational mission fields.

For 1953 we have had, up to this writing, 17 applications for places in overseas or American units. Five persons have been accepted and all the others are in the screening process.

We are happy to announce that the new associate in the New York office of the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Workcamp Program is Miss Virginia Howard, member of Salem E & R Church, Marion, Ohio. Miss Howard was a member of our Western Canada Caravan in 1951 and of the Honduras Caravan in 1952.

In spite of the importance of all the foregoing, it is nevertheless true that we are most excited at the present time about the proposed Voluntary Service Training Program (see Exhibit A). All the agencies which we feel will play a part in this project have been approached and without exception have received our proposals with enthusiasm. We are led to believe that they will support the proposal on the floor of the General Synod.

The proposal was submitted to the Finance Committee of General Council in February and it appeared that our report was received with sympathetic spirit. It is our hope that General Synod as a body will reflect this same attitude.

While this proposal has already been distributed among the members of the Board of Christian Education and Publication, and a poll taken, nevertheless, for the record we bring a recommendation here.

It is recommended that -

The Board of Christian Education and Publication give its support to the Program of Voluntary Service Training by proposing its adoption to General Synod as a part of the on-going work of this Board.

If each year had more days and each day more hours, more would be accomplished. Luckily we have associates in our offices - called secretaries - who help lengthen the days and hours by getting the jobs done which otherwise would go by the board. My salute to my secretary, Margaret Gill, for keeping our department on an even keel.

Respectfully submitted,

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Department of Camps and Conferences

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

I. Editorial Responsibilities

In September, 1952, Jean Louise Smith assumed responsibility for editing the family books and the Church School Worker, while Herman Ahrens, Jr. became managing editor of the monthly magazine. The first issue of the Church School Worker that they edited was the one for February, 1953. They have undertaken their new functions with genuine interest and marked skill, and have been producing a magazine of high quality and usefulness.

From June to December the editor of children's publications was Louise Machen, who came to our staff with eloquent recommendations from competent church leaders. Miss Machen gave herself with great zeal and devotion to the varied duties of the position, and the editorial work that she did was of unusual literary and scholarly excellence. Unfortunately the physical and emotional demands of the kind of editing we must do, proved too great for her, and she was ordered by her physician to take a prolonged rest. It seemed highly improbable that, even after she had recovered her normal strength, she could cope with the children's editor's assignments without strain, and we therefore accepted her resignation in January.

Marie Rose Remmel and Jean Louise Smith have since that time added to their responsibilities, those of the editor of children's publications, with the welcome and able assistance of Mrs. Marcus Priester and Lael Henderson working on a part-time basis. We have been working steadily on the difficult task of discovering a person with the required training and experience. We are deeply indebted to Miss Remmel and Miss Smith for their willingness to do double and triple duty, but we recognize that such an arrangement cannot be permitted to continue and that a full-time editor of children's publications must be secured at the earliest possible time.

The fact that I was no longer editing family books and the Church School Worker has given me some opportunity to develop our plans for book publications. Nearly all the manuscripts for the third youth devotional book, which is to be called Pathways of Prayer, were on my desk when I went to Germany in the late summer of 1950, but it was only during January and February of this year that I could find time to do the required editing and rewriting of this book of 348 pages. The same tale could be told with reference to the manuscript for Our Christian Symbols by Friedrich Rest.

II. The Curriculum

Much of our time as far as curriculum was concerned during the past year has been devoted to the evaluation of our present Church and Home Series and making plans for an enlarged and revised series of Uniform Lesson guides. Beginning in October, 1953, these Uniform materials will include: Primary-Junior Teacher's Guide; Youth-Adult Teacher's Guide; Junior Pupil's Quarterly; Junior High; Seniors and Young People; Adult Student; and Lesson Leaf.

A series of evaluating-and-planning conferences of the full staffs of our Board and the Division of Christian Education of the Congregational Christian Churches is in progress. The first, held at Spring Mountain House, Schwenksville, Pa. in November, 1952, involved conversations with a number of selected leaders in the fields of theology, Bible, and Christian education. For October and November, 1953, two extended conferences are planned, to consider such basic matters as how we learn, the meaning and practice of worship, means of communication, the curriculum and teaching materials of public and private schools. At the November meeting we hope also to consider a preliminary report on a rather ambitious survey of church schools now using the Church and Home Series in whole or in part.

Through the cooperation of Greta Hinkle, we have secured lists of schools that use the departmental graded program in its entirety, and of schools that use this program from Nursery through senior high and Uniform lessons for older young people and adults. To all these schools, numbering about 1000, a 36-page questionnaire will be mailed immediately after Easter. We are asking that returns be in our hands by May 15, and we believe that we will have enough information by that time to give a basis of fact to our discussions of the curriculum at the Purdue Conference.

III. The Christian Education Press

The Press has had a good year, due partly to encouraging sales of what one might call staple books, partly to our producing for the Cooperative Publishing Association the junior high camp course, Living Together as Christians by Nelle Morton, and the pupil's book for this course, My Camp Book, and also to the sale of a large number of filmstrips.

Our Father: Thoughts and Prayers for Children by Helen Link (3000), Out of My Heart: A Pastor's Diary by Clement W. DeChant (3000), Living Together as Christians (5000), and My Camp Book (35,500) were all published during 1952.

March On With Strength by Alfred N. Sayres and Robert C. Stanger, a popular history of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, was printed in an edition of 10,000 copies in March, 1953.

The Bible and Our Common Life by Huber F. Klemme is to be read in galley proof during the first week of April and should be in print by June 1.

Pathways of Prayer was delivered to the printer March 19. At this time we are not quite certain that the book can be completed by June. We usually need four months from the time when the printer begins.

Our Christian Symbols is also in the printer's hands, and its position is similar to that of Pathways of Prayer. One hundred illustrations in color are being made by Harold Minton. These will be used to make a color filmstrip, then photographed for reproduction in black and white in the book.

During 1954 we hope to publish: Audio-Visual Aids in the Church by Oscar J. Rumpf; A Pastor Looks at Life by James E. Wagner; The Church School Superintendent by Paul H. Vieth; An Adventure with People by Ferris Reynolds, a brief book on the teaching of youth and adults; and Theological Foundations for Christian Nurture by Allen O. Miller. We have a commitment to publish for the Cooperative Publishing Association a junior camp unit, either late in 1953 or early in 1954.

We would welcome the judgment of members of the Board about the advisability of approaching Roland Bainton to write a book on Calvin or on Zwingli. We are not aware of any recent books on either of these leaders of the Reformation. Dr. Bainton's book on Luther, written for the Abingdon Cokesbury Press, sets a high standard of scholarship and readability. It seems logical to assume that he would prepare a book of similar quality on Calvin or Zwingli.

Another possibility for future publication that recommends itself to us is a new edition of Henry Harbaugh's The Golden Censer. This little book was for many years the chief confirmation gift in the former Reformed Church in the United States. Despite the fact that Windows of Worship and Gates of Beauty have been most favorably received by pastors, we still get requests for copies of Dr. Harbaugh's classic. A new edition, attractively printed in considerably larger type than the type originally employed, and possibly telescoped to some extent in content, would probably have wide appeal in our Church and in other fellowships.

It would be a source of real satisfaction to me if the Board could see its way clear to employ a director of curriculum and thus enable me to give all my time to book publications. I believe that with such a specific assignment I could best use my talents and render the greatest possible contribution to the Church. Moreover, if we desire to make our book business a self-supporting or a profitable venture, enlargement of its scope is strongly indicated. With the comparatively few books on our present list, it is a most difficult matter to make accounts balance from year to year. Too much now depends on making

every book published a best-seller. With a larger list, the books on which our judgment would be vindicated by sales would tend to offset the inevitable losses on books that proved of doubtful popularity. Perhaps we ought to take into account also promotion and publicity. This has so far been an item handled on marginal time, with much assistance from Dr. Sheeder. More care and thought devoted to promotion might repay us in a larger volume of sales and put our book business on a firmer basis.

Respectfully submitted,

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